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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [No reportable action was taken in closed
2 on session Tuesday, September 22, 2015]

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6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING. THE
7 MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO BE
10 ACTING CHAIR TODAY FOR OUR MEETING.

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12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU. I WILL
13 CALL FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW ABOUT? OKAY, WHATEVER.

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17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** GOOD VOTE.

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24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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3 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM

8 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL BEGIN WITH

13 THE PROCEEDINGS FOR TODAY. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY

14 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF

15 SUPERVISORS. AS IS OUR CUSTOM, WE WILL HAVE THE INVOCATION AND

16 PLEDGE THIS MORNING. PASTOR ADAM TYSON FROM THE PLACERITA

17 BIBLE CHURCH IN NEWHALL REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT WILL

18 BE OUR INVOCATEUR AND JORGE ANAYA FROM THE LIEUTENANT

19 COMMANDER UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE FROM THE CITY OF GLENDALE

20 AGAIN REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT WILL LEAD US IN THE

21 PLEDGE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WILL YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE

22 MONRING'S INVOCATION.

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24 **PASTOR DR. ADAM TYSON:** LET'S BOW OUR HEADS TOGETHER. GOD, WE

25 COME TO YOU THIS MORNING WITH THOUGHFUL HEARTS. WE ARE

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1 OVERWHELMED WITH YOUR GRACE IN OUR LIVES. WE THANK YOU FOR
2 GIVING US LIFE AND BREATH AND ALL THINGS. WE THANK YOU FOR
3 THIS GREAT COUNTRY, ONE NATION UNDER GOD. LORD, WE DON'T
4 DESERVE TO LIVE IN AMERICA, BUT YOU PLACED US HERE IN THE LAND
5 OF THE FREE AND IN THE HOME OF THE BRAVE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR
6 THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES THAT WE MIGHT
7 HAVE BREATH AND THAT WE MIGHT BREATHE THE FRESH AIR OF FREEDOM
8 AND WALK ON THE GROUND OF FORTITUDE. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
9 THIS DAY, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THEY ARE ENDOWED
10 BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG
11 THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. OH GOD
12 AND FATHER OF ALL, WOULD YOU BLESS THIS NATION TO BE A NATION
13 THAT WOULD BE A SHINING LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD, AN EXAMPLE OF
14 KINDNESS AND STRENGTH AND AN AGENT OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. I
15 PRAY FOR OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THIS DAY, THAT YOU WOULD
16 BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE IN PUBLIC OFFICE.
17 PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE THIS COUNTRY BY KEEPING US SAFE AND
18 LEADING US TO BE A COMMUNITY, A COMMUNITY THAT TRULY CARES FOR
19 ONE ANOTHER. AND I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THIS MEETING
20 TODAY AS OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE THE GREAT AND AWESOME
21 TASK TO SERVE THOSE IN THIS COUNTY. GIVE THEM WISDOM FROM ON
22 HIGH TO MAKE DECISIONS TODAY GUIDED BY YOUR SOVEREIGN HAND
23 THAT THEY WOULD BRING YOU GLORY. ALLOW THESE SUPERVISORS TO
24 PUT OTHERS' INTERESTS IN FRONT OF THEIR OWN, THAT THEY WOULD
25 BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND THAT

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1 YOU WOULD GIVE THEM UNITY IN THIS MEETING. HELP THEM TO LOVE
2 AS YOU LOVE, TO LEAD AS YOU LEAD AND TO SERVE AS YOU SERVE.
3 AND IT'S YOUR MOST MATCHLESS AND POWERFUL NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.
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5 **JORGE ANAYA:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER
6 YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE
7 AND JOIN ME FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]
9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE DELIGHTED
11 TO HAVE WITH US TODAY PASTOR ADAM TYSON, WHO COMES TO US TODAY
12 FROM THE PLACERITA BIBLE CHURCH IN NEWHALL. AND WE MAKE THIS
13 PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF MAYOR ANTONOVICH. DR. TYSON IS A
14 SENIOR PASTOR OF THE CHURCH. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AN
15 ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH AT
16 LAKESIDE BIBLE CHURCH IN MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, FOR SOME SEVEN
17 YEARS. PRIOR TO EARNING A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE AND A
18 DOCTORATE DEGREE IN MINISTRY FROM THE MASTERS SEMINARY, HE
19 ATTENDED MEDICAL SCHOOL AND WORKED AS A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT
20 IN CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGERY. HE HAS A PASSION FOR
21 EXPOSITORY TEACHING, BIBLICAL COUNSELING AND WORLDWIDE
22 MISSIONS AND ENJOYS SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA. HE
23 IS MARRIED TO LISA AND THEY HAVE FIVE CHILDREN, ANNA, NATE,
24 MAKIAH, HUDSON AND ZOEY. SO TODAY WE SAY THANK YOU, DR. TYSON,
25 ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR, OUR MAYOR, MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH. I

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1 WISH TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO YOU ON
2 BEHALF OF ALL OF US HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
3 [APPLAUSE.] COLLEAGUES, I'M DELIGHTED TO PRESENT THIS
4 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR PLEDGE VETERAN FOR THIS
5 MORNING, THE ONE AND ONLY JORGE ANAYA, WHO IS A LIEUTENANT
6 COMMANDER WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE. HE SERVED AS AN
7 AVIATION MAINTENANCE DUTY OFFICER IN AFGHANISTAN AND MULTIPLE
8 WESTERN PACIFIC AND ARABIAN GULF DEPLOYMENTS. HE IS A
9 RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS HONORS, INCLUDING THE AFGHANISTAN
10 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
11 AND THE NAVY OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON. HE GRADUATED FROM THE
12 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND FROM THE NAVAL
13 POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL. HE IS CURRENTLY A PROJECT OFFICER WITH
14 THE NAVY RESERVE MAINTENANCE MODIFICATION AND OVERALL
15 DETACHMENT A IN CHINA LAKE AND WORKS AS A MANAGEMENT FELLOW
16 WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HE
17 WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, RAISED IN WATTS, AND LYNWOOD. AND HE
18 HAS A DISTINCTION OF BEING MARRIED TO SITALI SORETTO AND
19 CURRENTLY LIVES IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE. AS I SAID TO HIM
20 EARLIER, HE LEFT THE SECOND DISTRICT AND WENT TO THE FIFTH
21 DISTRICT AND HE SAID HE DID IT AT THE BEHEST OF HIS WIFE. AND
22 HE WISHES TO ENJOY MARITAL BLISS, SO WE ALL UNDERSTAND HOW
23 THAT WORKS. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU TODAY FOR LEADING US TODAY
24 IN TODAY'S PLEDGE AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION, AND WE
25 DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MICHAEL D.

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1 ANTONOVICH AND THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD, MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE
2 TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.
3 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES, WE'LL BEGIN WITH
4 THE CALLING OF THE AGENDA. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING. WE
7 WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON ITEMS
8 1, 2 AND 3, WE WILL HOLD THESE FOR HEARING. ON ITEM NO. 4,
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER
10 27, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM
11 BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 20,
13 2015. AND ON ITEM 7, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
15 WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. AND ON ITEM 18, THE DIRECTOR OF
16 PLANNING REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27,
17 2015.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM 8 OR 18.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** I APOLOGIZE. ON ITEM
22 8, THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27, 2015.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 7

3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 THROUGH

4 19. ON ITEM NO. 10 AND ON ITEM NO. 11, WE WILL HOLD THESE

5 ITEMS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 15, A MEMBER OF THE

6 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17 AND ITEM 18

7 AND ITEM 19, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE

8 ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF

9 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL

12 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER,

13 UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT

16 CALENDAR, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 29. ON ITEM 20, THE DIRECTOR OF

17 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK

18 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 21, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

19 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO

20 SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 22, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

21 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO

22 SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 23, AS INDICATED ON THE

23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS

24 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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3 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEMS 24, 25, 26,
4 27 AND 28, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE
5 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 29, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
6 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
7 ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE
8 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KNABE
11 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS. AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 19,
14 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
15 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 30-A. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 38 IS BEFORE US -- 30-A IS BEFORE US.

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20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** 30-A.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES AND
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT COMPLETES THE
2 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
3 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE BEGIN TODAY WITH THE PRESENTATIONS TO
6 OUR SPECIAL GUESTS. AND TODAY WE WELCOME THE CONSUL GENERAL OF
7 ITALY, ANTONIO VERDE. PLEASE GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
8 WON'T YOU, PLEASE? [APPLAUSE.] THE CONSUL GENERAL JOINED THE
9 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ROME IN 1990 AFTER SERVING AS
10 C.E.O. OF PRAFIN EDITORIALY, A BOOK PUBLISHING COMPANY IN
11 NAPLES. HE BECAME DEPUTY HEAD OF OFFICE IN THE DIRECTORATE
12 GENERAL FOR THE MATTERS OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. AS HE WAS
13 PROMOTED UPWARDS, HE WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSIES
14 IN TOKYO AND MOSCOW AND WAS APPOINTED TO CONSUL GENERAL OF
15 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, THEN BECAME DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
16 OF ITALY TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN STRAUSBURG, FRANCE. THEN
17 HE DIDN'T STOP THERE. HE CONTINUED HIS WORK. HE CAME TO LOS
18 ANGELES TO BECOME THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM ROME WHERE HE SERVED
19 AS THE RELATIONSHIP COORDINATOR BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND
20 THE ASIAN-PACIFIC COUNTRIES. HE EARNED HIS DEGREE IN POLITICAL
21 SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES IN NAPLES, AND
22 HE HAS PUBLISHED A HISTORY OF CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE
23 TWO NATIONS, SPECIFICALLY BOTH ITALY AND JAPAN. AND SO IT'S ON
24 BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
25 AND THIS ENTIRE BOARD THAT I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO LOS

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1 ANGELES AND ASK YOU TO SAY A FEW SPECIAL WORDS, AFTER WHICH
2 WE'LL BE MAKING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO YOU. WELCOME, THE
3 CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY ONCE AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **ANTONIO VERDE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY AND ESPECIALLY TO
7 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S INDEED A GREAT
8 HONOR FOR ME TO REPRESENT ITALY IN A COUNTY AS SPECIAL AS LOS
9 ANGELES. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY
10 TO MEET YOU. THE TIES BETWEEN ITALY AND LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN
11 HISTORICALLY VERY DEEP. THE FIRST ITALIAN ARRIVED HERE IN 1820
12 AND BY 1873, THE CITY'S COMMON COUNCIL HAD AN ITALIAN AMERICAN
13 PRESIDENT, FRANK SAVICHI. AND TODAY WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE
14 SO MANY CITIZENS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN BEING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF
15 ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, CULTURAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENVIRONMENT OF
16 THIS COUNTY. ITALIANS ARE ABLE TO KEEP ALIVE VERY STRONGLY THE
17 IDENTITY AND AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN
18 INTEGRATING INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF THEIR NEW COUNTRY. THIS IS
19 A SORT OF WONDERFUL PARADOX OF ITALIAN AMERICANS PROUDLY
20 STEEPED IN ITALIAN CULTURE, TRADITIONS AND TRADITIONAL VALUES,
21 AND AT THE SAME TIME FULL MEMBERS OF ITALIAN SOCIETY. WE ARE
22 PROUD OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS. WE ARE
23 PROUD FOR THE ONE SITTING ON THE SUPREME COURT BENCH SERVING
24 AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, A CITY COUNCILMAN, SHERIFF, AND WE
25 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTLESS RESEARCHERS, EDUCATORS,

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1 WRITERS, AND THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN THIS NEW WORLD.
2 THE VERY FACT THAT WE HAVE A CONSULAR OFFICE HERE FOR WELL
3 OVER A CENTURY ATTESTS THE ATTENTION THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
4 HAS ALWAYS HAD FOR LOS ANGELES. I'M WORKING SINCE MY ARRIVAL
5 HERE A FEW MONTHS AGO TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES AND FURTHER
6 DEVELOP THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP
7 BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND PROMOTING
8 RECIPROCAL KNOWLEDGE. TO ITALY I WILL SAY TO COME AND SEE THE
9 DYNAMIC BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT THIS AREA HAS, AND OF COURSE
10 AMONG THEM THIS IS ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY BUT ALSO SILICON
11 BEACH, [INAUDIBLE] A STRONG AND THIRVING AGRICULTURAL FOOD
12 INDUSTRY. AND I WOULD ALSO INVITE LOS ANGELES TO GO AND
13 DISCOVER ALL THAT ITALY HAS TO OFFER, VIA TECHNOLOGY,
14 AEROSPACE, MACHINERY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGIES BESIDES FOODS,
15 FASHION AND THE SIGNS FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN KNOWN ALREADY. MY
16 OFFICE AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL THE
17 AGENCIES OF THIS GREAT COUNTY AND PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO
18 ALL ON US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THANKS SO
19 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, COLLEAGUES, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE TODAY NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION
23 DAY AND WE DO SO WITH THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THOSE WHO ARE
24 PARTICIPATING FROM THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK'S
25 OFFICE, OUR OWN DEAN LOGAN, REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DIRECTOR

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1 OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND THE DIRECTOR
2 OF POLITICAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA. SO LET'S GIVE THEM ALL THREE A BIG ROUND OF
4 APPLAUSE AND WELCOME THEM TO THE BOARDROOM TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]
5 SO JENNY AND JOSE, WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE JOINING US.
6 SO TODAY IS RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE
8 VOTERS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, TO EXERCISE THEIR DEMOCRATIC
9 FRANCHISE, TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATE IN
10 THE DECISIONS THAT SHAPE THE POLICIES OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. WE
11 ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF OUR PARTNERS WHO ADVOCATE FOR
12 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND STRIVE TO CLOSE THE REGISTRATION GAP.
13 AGAIN HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND U.S.C. ARE HERE AS
14 REPRESENTATIVES. WE HAVE HAD OTHERS IN THE PAST AND IN THE
15 FUTURE YOU WILL HAVE VARIOUS GROUPS. WE'RE GOING TO TARGET
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGES. WE'RE GOING TO BROADEN THIS BECAUSE THIS
17 BOARD IS SERIOUS ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION.
18 YOU'LL NOTE THAT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES WILL HOLD A VOTER
19 REGISTRATION DRIVE AT HOMEGIRL CAFE, A FAMILIAR VENUE FOR MANY
20 INDIVIDUALS TO LEARN ABOUT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND THE VOTING
21 PROCESS. AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES FORMALLY INCARCERATED
22 INDIVIDUALS. IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT A PART OF RE-ENTRY
23 IS TO EXERCISE CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE
24 THAT. THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THROUGH THE JESSE
25 UNRUH INSTITUTE OF POLITICS FIRST HELD ON CAMPUS NATIONAL

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1 VOTER REGISTRATION DAY LAST YEAR AND WILL DO SO AGAIN THIS
2 YEAR. AND WE CHALLENGE ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
3 EDUCATION AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL, AT THE PUBLIC SECTOR
4 AS WELL AS PRIVATE COUNTERPARTS IN THAT SPACE TO DO SO, AS
5 WELL. U.S.C.'S EVENT ENGAGED NUMEROUS STUDENTS AND
6 ORGANIZATIONS AND FEATURED INFORMED SPEAKERS AND HAD
7 ENTERTAINMENT LAST YEAR. AND APPROXIMATELY 400 NEW VOTERS WERE
8 REGISTERED. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE IS
9 SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF 1.2 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS THAT HAVE
10 NOT YET REGISTERED TO VOTE. I DID SAY 1.2 MILLION. VOTING IS A
11 SIMPLE YET POWERFUL ACT AND WE NEED TO EXERCISE IT. THE
12 ABILITY TO FREELY CAST A BALLOT AND VOTE IS A FUNDAMENTAL
13 RIGHT, AND IT IS A HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF CIVIC LIFE. AND
14 REGISTERING TO VOTE IS A PREREQUISITE TO EXERCISING THAT
15 RIGHT. IF YOU DON'T VOTE ON TUESDAY, YOU FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO
16 COMPLAIN ON WEDNESDAY. THIS BOARD AND OUR REGISTRAR-
17 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ALONG WITH THE PARTNERS WHO ARE HERE,
18 AND OTHERS, ARE DEDICATED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF THE
19 CITIZENRY OF THIS COUNTY, AND WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
20 ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST TO REGISTER AND VOTE AND TO CLOSE THE
21 REGISTRATION GAP. SO LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE TODAY AT
22 WWW.LAVOTE.NET. SO NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DEAN LOGAN FOR
23 THE GOOD WORK THAT HE AND HIS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE, IS DOING
24 AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NATIONAL VOTER
25 REGISTRATION DAY. IT WILL BE A SUCCESS BECAUSE WE WILL

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1 PARTICIPATE AND MAKE IT SO. DEAN, COME ON AND HAVE A FEW
2 WORDS. GIVE HIM A HAND. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
5 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY AS THE SUPERVISOR INDICATED,
6 WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, NOT JUST HERE IN
7 OUR COMMUNITY BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THROUGHOUT THE
8 COUNTRY. TODAY WHAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON IS THE POWER OF THAT
9 CREDENTIAL OF BEING A REGISTERED VOTER AND THAT CREDENTIAL
10 THAT BRINGS US EQUALITY AND EQUITY. THAT IN THE ACT OF BEING A
11 REGISTERED VOTER, WE ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EQUAL
12 INFLUENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR ELECTIONS PROCESS. BUT WE
13 ALSO RECOGNIZE TODAY, AGAIN AS THE SUPERVISOR INDICATED, THAT
14 WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL VOTERS, POTENTIAL ENTRANTS
15 TO THIS SYSTEM, THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED. AND TODAY
16 IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THOSE WHO AREN'T REGISTERED KNOW
17 HOW TO BE REGISTERED, THAT THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR
18 ELIGIBLE, THAT THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE PROCESS WORKS,
19 THAT THOSE QUESTIONS GET ANSWERED SO WE TAKE THE NEXT STEP OF
20 TURNING THOSE PEOPLE OUT TO VOTE IN OUR ELECTION. SO THERE'S A
21 LOT OF PROMOTION RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF INTEREST STARTING TO FORM
22 AROUND THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CYCLE. I WANT TO REMIND
23 EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE LOCAL ELECTIONS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. IN
24 NOVEMBER ABOUT 1/3 OF THE COUNTY WILL HAVE LOCALIZED
25 ELECTIONS. SO AGAIN YOU CAN VOTE OUR WEBSITE AT L.A. VOTE.NET

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1 TO FIND OUT ABOUT THOSE ELECTIONS. WE HAD A GREAT KICKOFF
2 EVENT THIS MORNING AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, I WANT TO THANK OUR
3 PARTNERS THERE. WE ARE GOING TO LEAVE FROM HERE TO GO TO AN
4 EVENT AT U.S.C. LATER TODAY I'LL BE AT JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL IN
5 LONG BEACH. AGAIN ACTIVITIES GOING ON ALL OVER OUR COMMUNITY
6 TODAY. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW, THE MESSAGE TODAY IS: HERE IN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHAT'S UNIQUE IS WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY
8 IN THE LARGEST STATE IN THE GREATEST NATION, WHICH MEANS WE
9 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE BROADEST IMPACT IN THE
10 ELECTIONS PROCESS. BUT IT STARTS WITH BEING REGISTERED TO VOTE
11 AND PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO
12 WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND TO BEING A RESOURCE TO
13 THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS GET
14 REGISTERED AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR ELECTIONS. THANK YOU.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE WILL PROCEED
18 TO THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE
19 REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAY THAT WE HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS. I WILL
20 THEN TURN THE BALANCE OF THE MATTERS OVER TO THE EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER TO INDICATE WHAT HEARINGS WE WILL HAVE AND WE WILL
22 DISPOSE OF THEM ACCORDINGLY. MS. URIBE.

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN
25 TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT

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1 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
2 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
3 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. FOR CLARIFICATION, THIS IS
6 PERTAINING TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS EXCLUSIVELY AT
7 THIS POINT, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 1 IS A
10 HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES LOCATED IN THE
11 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND VALENCIA. THERE IS A
12 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
13 RECEIVED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON
14 THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE HAVE TWO PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD
17 ON THIS AND WE WILL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT INITIALLY AND WE
18 WILL PROCEED FROM THERE. SIR?

19

20 **JIM CHONG:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAMES CHONG AND I'M THE
21 HEAD OF STREET LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
22 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION
23 OF COUNTY LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY
24 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE IN THE LEVYING
25 AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE

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1 BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED AREA WILL BE
2 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND
3 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVING SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
4 BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE
5 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-
6 EXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
9 WE'LL TURN NOW TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC
10 COMMENT, BOTH ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS, PLEASE COME
11 FORWARD. MR. PREVEN, ARE YOU HERE? YOU WISH NOT TO BE HEARD ON
12 ITEM 1? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS, THIS IS ITEM 1 ON THE
13 PUBLIC HEARING AND YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S ABOUT ACTUALLY THE LEGALESE IN THIS. THE
16 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING
17 DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT. THEY'RE BOTH, IT SAYS
18 HERE TAXING AGENCIES. SO I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE LANDSCAPING
19 THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THIS LIGHTING DISTRICT. I'M ALSO
20 CURIOUS YOU HAVE IN HERE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SOLAR LIGHTING
21 FOR THIS. IT IS THE LITERATURE. YOU'LL NOTICE ON YOUR GREEN
22 SHEET TODAY AN ITEM THAT'S BEEN CONTINUED. THIS LANGUAGE
23 STATES THAT IT'S ABOUT THE MINIMUM WAGE, THE UNINCORPORATED
24 AREAS OF THE COUNTY BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF TITLE 8 TO READ
25 "CONSUMER PROTECTION" AND THEN IT FURTHER GOES ON TO PROVIDE

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1 "ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE COUNTY." WELL, ESTABLISHING
2 A MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE COUNTY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
3 THE COUNTY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS, SO I'M JUST WONDERING,
4 THE SAME THING BEING SAID HERE, THE COUNTY LIGHTING
5 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING LANDSCAPING
6 DISTRICT. AGAIN, WHAT KIND OF LANDSCAPING ARE THEY DOING FOR
7 THE LIGHTS? DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THAT RIGHT OF WAY PART OF IT,
8 WHERE THESE LIGHTS WOULD BE LOCATED? ISN'T THAT THE
9 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO MAINTAIN THAT? OR IS
10 THIS WORK THAT'S DONE BY THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU HIRE BECAUSE IT
11 WOULD BE LESS COSTLY TO HIRE OUTSIDE, WHAT IS IT? LAWN
12 MAINTENANCE PEOPLE TO DO THAT. THAT'S MEDIAN WORK AND THAT'S
13 NOT THE SAME AS THIS WORK. AGAIN IT COMES DOWN TO THE
14 LEGALESE. WHAT WOULD THE PEOPLE ACTUALLY BE PAYING FOR AS FAR
15 AS LANDSCAPING FOR LIGHTING? IT LOOKS LIKE A WAY FOR YOU TO
16 GRAB SOME ASSESSMENT MONEY FOR A TAX.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET'S THEN NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON
23 THIS MATTER. AND MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

24

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME
3 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS
4 AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION
5 RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 2 IS A
10 HEARING ON THE REVISIONS OF THE 2016 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON
11 MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THE LOS
12 ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL
13 STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS ITEM 2. WE CALL ON ARNOLD SACHS
17 AND ERIC PREVEN.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU PREFER YOUR OWN CHAIR EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE THE
20 CHAIR. THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
21 DISTRICT 3. THIS IS REGRETTABLY, I'M A LITTLE BIT UPSET EVEN
22 THOUGH I'M TRYING TO KEEP MYSELF COMPOSED THE SEASONAL
23 INCREASE IN PRICES AT OUR CHERISHED AND BELOVED HOLLYWOOD
24 BOWL. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IS IN THE
25 THIRD DISTRICT SO I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH IT. IT IS ACROSS THE

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1 STREET FROM THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATER. IT IS AS WE ALL KNOW
2 FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY. REGRETABLY WE ARE SEEING ONCE AGAIN 3
3 PERCENT INCREASES ACROSS-THE-BOARD. 2.6 IS THE LOW. 3.4 IS THE
4 HIGH. IT'S A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE. AND DON'T BE CONFUSED. THIS
5 IS NOT THE ONLY INCREASE IN TICKET PRICES FOR ALL OF THIS
6 PROGRAMMING, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE INCREASED ON AN EITHER ANNUAL
7 OR EVERY OTHER ANNUAL BASIS A PARK-AND-RIDE FEATURE WHICH USED
8 TO BE SO FOR \$20 YOU COULD BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IN TO GET A
9 SENSE AND PARK NEARBY FOR \$10. BUT THAT'S A LOT. NOW IT'S GONE
10 OVER TO \$30 -- OR \$28. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. THERE'S A MILLION
11 DOLLARS LYING IN THE KITTY. WE HAVE SPENT SO MUCH MONEY
12 UPGRADING THAT PLACE. DON'T GET ME WRONG. IT SHOULD BE
13 UPGRADED AND KEPT NICE. BUT THE FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE
14 INTENDED TO BE THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS AMENITY, NOT JUST THE
15 GALA BENEFIT, FOLKS. I DON'T KNOW. IS ANYBODY ABLE TO STEP
16 FORWARD? OBVIOUSLY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, NOBODY HAS DONE
17 MORE, IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
18 FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. BUT YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT, ARE THE
19 ONES WHO CAN HELP US HOLD THE LINE BECAUSE IT HAS GONE ON
20 ENDLESSLY, THE RAISES, THE INCREASES IN PRICES. ASK YOUR
21 CONSTITUENTS HOW MUCH IT IS TO GO TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND
22 THEY WILL REPORT BACK IT IS TOO MUCH. THIS WILL YIELD BY THE
23 WAY IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE, \$28,000. SO IS IT WORTH IT TO
24 TORMENT YOUR ADORING CONSTITUENTS. NO, IT'S NOT. GIVE YOUR
25 WORKERS A RAISE! THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES THANK YOU. LOOK, HERE'S ZEV, AT THE
3 HOLLYWOOD BOWL FROM LAST DECEMBER INTERVIEWING HOLLYWOOD BOWL.
4 WE'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION A FEW TIMES. AND IT'S THE
5 PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION THAT IS RAISING THE PRICE. SO WHY IS
6 THE CITY OF L.A. WITH ITS GREEK THEATER DEALING WITH TICKET
7 AGENCIES? LIVE NATION, THEY HAD TWO CONTRACTS. THE PARKS
8 DEPARTMENT HAD TWO CONTRACTS GO OUT. REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.
9 THEY HAD A BIG TO DO. THEY HAD TO REDO IT. THAT THE TICKET
10 PROVIDERS, LIKE LIVE NATION AND I DON'T KNOW WHO THE OTHER ONE
11 IS. THEY ARE MAYBE ASSOCIATED WITH A.E.S. OR A.E.G. OR WHOEVER
12 IT IS, THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE UPGRADES. THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE
13 REMODELING. INSTEAD, A.M.B. YOU'RE USING FUNDS FROM THE 1992
14 AND '96 PARKS PROVISIONS TO REMODEL. THESE. THE ASSESSMENTS
15 THAT YOU CREATE FROM EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD TO REMODEL THIS
16 FACILITY THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR USE BY EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD
17 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT, LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, EAST
18 L.A. NEIGHBORHOODS, THE POOR DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOODS, SOUTH
19 L.A. DISTRICTS THAT DON'T REALLY GET TO -- NECESSARILY GET UP
20 TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. WHEREAS THAT MONEY COULD BE USED FOR
21 BEACHES AND PARKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, THE \$23 ASSESSMENT
22 THAT YOU COLLECT FROM EVERY PROPERTY. BUT YOU'RE USING IT
23 HERE. AND A PRIVATE AGENCY IS COLLECTING THE FUNDS. IS THAT TO
24 PAY THEIR PERFORMANCE? OR AREN'T THEY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY

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1 ASSOCIATION OF EMPLOYEES IN SOME WAY? DON'T THEY HAVE THEIR
2 SALARIES MANDATED BY THE COUNTY?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, MA'AM -- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
9 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THINK IT SHOULD BE A REMINDER THAT THE
10 PROTOCOL OF THE BOARD IS THAT WE DO NOT PERMIT APPLAUSE. IF IN
11 FACT YOU WISH TO AFFIRM A SPEAKER'S REMARKS, WE SIMPLY ASK
12 THAT YOU RAISE THE ROOF. [SINGING] "THIS IS HOW WE DO IT."
13 [LAUGHTER.] OKAY, NOW, WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
14 OF THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO
17 POINT OUT, BECAUSE IT'S EASY TO COME UP AND SAY THINGS,
18 ALTHOUGH FOR THE HEARINGS EVERYBODY SWORE THAT THEY WERE GOING
19 TO COME AND TELL THE TRUTH, SO THAT'S ALWAYS A VERY
20 INTERESTING PROCEDURE. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT THE COST OF
21 TICKETS IS THIS YEAR AND WHAT IT IS NEXT YEAR. WHAT WE
22 ACTUALLY DID WITH THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IS TO KEEP TICKETS THE
23 SAME AT THE AFFORDABLE END AND FRANKLY JUST SOCK IT TO THE
24 PEOPLE IN THE BOXES, IF I MAY SAY SO. THERE ARE ALWAYS \$1
25 TICKETS TO THE BOWL AND THERE ALWAYS WILL BE. THAT WAS NOT

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1 RAISED. FOR THE CLASSICAL SERIES, THE \$8 TICKETS THIS YEAR ARE
2 STILL \$8 NEXT YEAR. THE \$16 TICKETS ARE STILL \$16 NEXT YEAR.
3 ET CETERA. THERE'S REALLY ZERO RAISES UNTIL YOU GET INTO THE
4 \$30 TICKETS WHICH ARE NOW \$31. OR THE \$33 TICKETS WHICH ARE
5 NOW \$34. AND IT'S THE SAME FOR THE JAZZ SERIES. IT'S THE SAME
6 FOR THE SUNDAY WORLD MUSIC, AT THE AFFORDABLE END OF THE
7 TICKETS, THEY DIDN'T GO UP. I ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT IF I
8 MAY, WE ARE GIVING OUR WORKERS A RAISE, THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM,
14 AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
15 HEARING.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED AND THAT WILL
18 BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 3,
21 HEARING ON THE ROOFTOP PARKING LOT SOLAR PANEL PILOT PROJECT
22 FOR 11 COUNTY FACILITIES, NO DEPARTMENTAL -- [INTERRUPTION].

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND WE ARE
25 MOVING TO ITEM NUMBER 3. PROCEED PLEASE.

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 3, HEARING
3 ON THE ROOFTOP PARKING LOT SOLAR PANEL PILOT PROJECT FOR 11
4 COUNTY FACILITIES. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENTS. NO
5 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. BUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
6 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THERE IS NO PRESENTATION ON THE
9 MATTER, THEREFORE WE MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT. AND THAT WOULD BE
10 AGAIN ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. I
13 AM ALWAYS TRICKED TO LOOK TO THE CENTER THERE. YES, SO THIS IS
14 INTERESTING. THIS IS A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT PROPOSAL.
15 WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT. AND THIS IS TO PUT SOLAR PANELS, IF I
16 HAVE IT CORRECT, ON TOP OF ABOUT 11 COUNTY FACILITIES TO SEE
17 HOW IT GOES. AND THOUGH I APPRECIATE IT AND I THINK IT'S A
18 GOOD AREA BECAUSE I THINK EVERYBODY LOVES SOLAR, THERE WERE
19 EIGHT VENDORS WHO ATTENDED THE PROPOSERS CONFERENCE. AND THEN
20 THERE WERE SORT OF THE BIGGER BUSINESS ONES AND THE SMALLER
21 BUSINESS ONES. AND THERE WERE NO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR THE
22 SMALLER INSTALLATIONS. AND I WAS HOPING SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS
23 HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WHEN WE DRAW R.F.P.S, A
24 SKILLFUL R.F.P. CAN EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SMALL
25 BUSINESSES WILL EVEN BE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT SUCH A

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1 PROPOSAL. NOW, FOR THIS PARTICULAR ONE, WE DID GET SEVERAL
2 LARGER INSTALLATION BIDDERS AND WE ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH
3 I.S.D. WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED PROPOSER. I'M NOT 100 PERCENT
4 SURE IF THAT MEANS THEY HAVE THE BEST PRICE, BUT I THOUGHT IF
5 WE'RE GOING TO DO 11 OF THEM, WHY WOULDN'T WE WANT TO TRY A
6 LITTLE PILOT PROGRAM WITH 1, 2 OR 3 OF THEM, EVEN IF THEY'RE
7 NOT EXACTLY THE SAME PRICE, THEN WE COULD SEE WHO PROVIDES
8 QUALITY SERVICE, WHO PROVIDES COMPETITIVE PRICING AND WHO
9 PROVIDES A PRODUCT THAT IS BOTH AFFORDABLE BUT ALSO EFFECTIVE
10 FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE THIS ONE IS SETTING UP, IT LOOKS LIKE,
11 IT'S PRIMING THE PUMP FOR A BIG MOVE INTO ALL THE SOLAR FOR
12 ALL THE COUNTY. I COULD BE WRONG BECAUSE THIS IS NOT MY AREA
13 OF EXPERTISE. BUT I WOULD ASK THAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT AND
14 THINK ABOUT THE WAY THESE R.F.P.S ARE DRAWN IF THE SMALL
15 BUSINESS COMPONENT ATTRACTS ZERO BIDDERS. BECAUSE THERE'S A
16 LOT OF PEOPLE CALLING MY HOUSE ASKING "HEY, ARE YOU READY FOR
17 SOLAR?" SO I DON'T GET IT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS
20 AND IT IS SOMEWHAT FASCINATING WHEN PEOPLE COME UP HERE TO
21 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH. I BELIEVE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS,
22 YOU'RE SWORN TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
23 CALIFORNIA AND THE LAWS THAT ARE PROVIDED WITHIN THAT, TOO,
24 MISS KUEHL. SO DON'T BE SO SWARMY ABOUT WHAT'S SAID ON THIS
25 SIDE WHEN YOU CAN COME UP THERE AND LIE-

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. SACHS, WE WILL NOT TOLERATE AN
3 EXCHANGE WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M TELLING YOU NOW. YOU
4 CAN STAY ON THE SUBJECT AT HAND OR YOU CAN RELINQUISH YOUR
5 SEAT. THEN STAY ON POINT.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GIVE ME MY TIME BACK.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU'VE EXHAUSTED IT.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT SOLAR. SO YOU
12 HAVE AN ITEM ON THE PALMDALE ANIMAL CARE CENTER. IS THAT
13 HAVING SOLAR PANELING PUT IN IT LIKE L-E-E-E-E-E-E-D? HOW
14 ABOUT THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL? DID THAT HAVE SOLAR PANELING DONE
15 TO IT? HOW ABOUT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS THAT'S REMODELING. IS THAT
16 HAVING SOLAR PANELING DONE TO IT, SUPERVISOR KNABE? HOW ABOUT
17 THE RENOVATED JUSTICE BUILDING RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET? DOES
18 THAT HAVE SOLAR PANELING DONE WITH IT? HOW ARE THESE 11
19 BUILDINGS CHOSEN? I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE SOLAR PANELING HASN'T
20 BEEN AROUND FOR A LITTLE WHILE. IF YOU ACTUALLY PAY ATTENTION
21 TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT GO ON THROUGH THE STATE OF
22 CALIFORNIA, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT SOLAR PANELING HAS BEEN AROUND
23 FOR A WHILE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT WAS A BIG DEAL WITH A
24 COMPANY THAT WENT BELLY UP THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
25 STATES PUT IN LIKE \$300 MILLION WORTH.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR, IT'S OFF TOPIC.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S SOLAR PANELING, SIR. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
5 SOLAR PANELING.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. HOPE YOU DO.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION, THIS WOULDN'T
10 BE COMING UP ON THE AGENDA IN 2015, IT MIGHT HAVE COME UP ON
11 THE AGENDA MAYBE IN 2010 WHEN SOLAR PANELING WAS A BIG PUSH. I
12 KNOW, IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE WATER CONSERVATION. EVERYBODY ELSE
13 CAN DO IT EXCEPT THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, THANK YOU. MADAME
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM,
19 AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
20 HEARING.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO ORDERED. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. THE
23 BALAANCE THAT IS BEFORE US AT THIS POINT, MADAME EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER?

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE
2 ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. PURSUANT TO THE BALANCE NEEDING
5 TO BE TABULATED. THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I BELIEVE WE ARE IN ORDER. PLEASE RECORD A
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THOSE WHO
8 WISH TO BE HEARD BY -- WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT.
9 WE NOTE THE NAME OF ERIC PREVEN WHO HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
10 SPEAK ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25,
11 26, 27 AND 28. MR. PREVEN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. FOLLOWED
12 BY MR. SACHS, WHO WILL BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK TO 10, 17 AND 24
13 AND 28. MR. SACHS, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ANDREW DOUGLAS, IF
14 YOU'D COME FORWARD, YOU HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 17, IN
15 THAT ORDER, GENTLEMEN, IF THE THREE OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD,
16 WE'D APPRECIATE IT. MR. PREVEN.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. ITS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM
19 COUNTY DISTRICT 3. I HAD ASKED THE C.E.O. TO CLARIFY AND I
20 ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL WHAT AN UPGRADE FROM AN R-17 TO AN R-
21 18 CONSTITUTES IN TERMS OF THE RANGE? IS IT REALLY A \$589,000
22 RANGE? BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED AND THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED. THAT
23 IS AN ASTONISHING PRICE RANGE FOR THE CHILD PROTECTION PERSON.
24 THAT MUST BE WRONG. COULD WE GET THE CORRECT INFORMATION,
25 C.E.O. HAMAI ON THAT? ITEM NO. 24 LOOKS LIKE A GOOD DEAL. IT'S

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1 A MILLION BUCKS TO A COMPANY TO TAKE ALL THE DEAD ANIMALS FROM
2 THE COUNTY FACILITIES WHERE WE HAVE THOSE NEEDS. IT IS A
3 PAINFUL THOUGHT WHEN YOU LOSE AN ANIMAL. AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE
4 COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CONTROL SAID IT'S ABOUT \$10 IF YOU
5 BRING THEM TO THE COUNTY, THEY'LL TAKE YOUR LOVED ONE. IT'S
6 JUST VERY SAD. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A GOOD DEAL BECAUSE IT'S
7 SIX CENTERS PLUS PALMDALE. ITEM NO. 18 IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS
8 GENEROUSLY DONATED ABOUT \$3,000. AND IS REFERENCING THAT THE
9 SPONSOR CURRENTLY IS ZOE INTERNATIONAL. I DON'T KNOW THE
10 GROUP. THIS IS FOR A CELEBRATION OUT AT A PARK IN THE PARK
11 DISTRICT. BUT THE PREVIOUS COUPLE WEEKS AGO THERE WAS AN
12 \$187,000 GRANT AND THE SPONSOR WAS NOT IDENTIFIED. SO IF JOEL
13 BELLMAN COULD MAKE THAT AVAILABLE FOR THE MEDIA, WE'D LIKE TO
14 KNOW WHO IS THE SPONSOR OF THE BIG MALIBU TRIATHLON. ITEM
15 NUMBER 17 IS THE URBAN AGRICULTURAL ZONES WHICH IS NOT
16 EXCLUSIVELY POT GROWERS. I LIKE THAT. BECAUSE I THINK IT
17 BRINGS COMMUNITIES A KIND OF A USEFUL THING SO THANK YOU FOR
18 THAT. THERE ARE SEVERAL SHERIFF ITEMS THAT REQUIRE SOME
19 UNDERSTANDING. ONE IS ITEM 27, THE SHERIFF IS ENTERTAINING THE
20 CITY MANAGERS AND IT'S THE FIRST TIME. SO HE'S ROLLING OUT THE
21 RED CARPET. IT'S A \$60,000 PARTY AS OPPOSED TO A \$35,000 PARTY
22 FROM LAST COUPLE YEARS WHICH IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE. ITEM NO. 26
23 I'M AGAINST BECAUSE IT'S THE D.E.A. THOUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 DRUG ENFORCEMENT IF THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED HAS AN IMPORTANT
25 CHARGE, GIVING \$300,000 TO OUR GUYS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. I'D

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1 RATHER PUT IT INTO GROWING STUFF IN THE DISTRICTS THAT NEED
2 THAT KIND OF HELP. ITEM NO. 25 IS THE SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT.
3 BELIEVE IT OR NOT THE SELECTIVE SEATBELT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.
4 NOW, NOBODY WANTS DRUNK DRIVERS ON THE ROAD. WE'VE ALL
5 EXPERIENCED THE LOSS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY THERE.
6 BUT I HAVE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR
7 NOT THESE ARE THE BEST WAYS TO PULL EVERYBODY OVER. WHAT ABOUT
8 MORE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, TRAINING PEOPLE IN
9 THE COMMUNITIES TO TAKE KEYS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE LOADED. THAT
10 WOULD SAVE A LOT MORE LIVES AND WOULD NOT INCONVENIENCE TONS
11 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DRINKING AND HAVE A WEIRD LIKE "HEY
12 WE'RE LOOKING AT YOUR BEAT SET BUT THAT'S REALLY NOT WHAT
13 WE'RE DOING. WE JUST WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN CRYING OR
14 WHAT'S GOING ON." I DON'T LIKE IT. ITEM NUMBER 19, LACERA,
15 KUDOS, HAD AN ELECTION. NO CHALLENGER, BUT ONE PART OF IT I
16 THINK THE INVESTMENT BOARD PERSON WON, AND THEY HAD ABOUT
17 10,000 OR 8,000 VOTERS. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE IN C.D.2 OF LOS
18 ANGELES WEE ONLY HAD 11,000. SO THE GREAT COUNTY WORKERS ARE A
19 POWERFUL FORCE, AND LACERA MUST BE A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND
20 STRONG. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. SACHS.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS AND I DID
4 HOLD ITEM NO. 10. THIS IS SOMETHING SUPERVISOR KNABE
5 SUBMITTED. PART OF IT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT RESIDENTS. AND THEN
6 IT GOES ON TO SMALL BUSINESSES. SO ARE THESE RESIDENTS OPENING
7 SMALL BUSINESSES IN THEIR HOMES? OR ARE THEY SMALL BUSINESSES?
8 BUT IT MENTIONS SOMETHING ABOUT A SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE. ON
9 THE THIRD PARAGRAPH. COMPREHENSIVE MARKETING STRATEGY TO
10 INFORM THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE
11 SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE. DOWN AT THE BOTTOM IT STATES, AN
12 UPDATE ON THE TRANSFER TO THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS, BLAH,
13 BLAH, BLAH, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS
14 CONCIERGE. WELL IF YOU HAVEN'T ESTABLISHED A SMALL BUSINESS
15 CONCIERGE, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GO ABOUT MARKING IT? MAKES
16 SENSE TO ESTABLISH IT FIRST BEFORE YOU MARKET IT. I HELD ITEM
17 17 AND ALSO THE AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE PROGRAM. BUT IT
18 DIDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING ABOUT AN INCENTIVE. I WAS THINKING
19 ABOUT WHEN YOU DID THE DISNEY PROPERTY REZONING, NOW THAT WAS
20 AN INCENTIVE. BECAUSE THE PROPERTY WAS ZONED FLOOD CONTROL,
21 WHICH MEANS THEY PAID VERY LITTLE IN TAXES, TO BUILDING,
22 COMMERCIAL, AFTER 20 YEARS. THAT'S AN INCENTIVE. HAVE THEM
23 CHANGE THE PROPERTY ZONING SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY TAXES ON
24 IT AND GET SOME MONEY BACK THAT WAY. I HELD NO. 24, AGAIN WITH
25 THE ANIMAL SHELTERS, YOU HAD THIS REPORT DUE FROM A.E.COM THAT

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1 TOOK FOUR YEARS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DUE IN 2016, A FOUR-
2 YEAR REPORT ON ANIMAL SHELTERS. YOU ONLY DID EIGHT MONTHS ON
3 THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. BUT I WAS
4 WONDERING WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT? WHEN ARE YOU COMING UP
5 WITH THAT? WHEN IS THAT REPORT? WHY DON'T YOU GET SOME
6 INFORMATION ON THAT? AND THEN ITEM 28 REFERS TO SALARY CHANGE
7 TO CLASSIFICATIONS FOR NONREPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYEES. YOU
8 UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IS. THAT'S PAY RAISES. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
9 MONEY. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PAY THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE
10 WORKERS THE LIVING WAGE AND NOW YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY -- THAT'S
11 AN EXEMPTION FOR THEM. ISN'T THAT AN EXEMPTION FOR THE COUNTY?
12 OH, THE COUNTY'S NOT PAYING THEM. SO I'M WONDERING IF THE
13 SMALL BUSINESSES CAN KIND OF LIKE DO THE SAME THING AND COME
14 UP WITH A -- LIKE A COMMISSION TO PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES LIKE THE
15 COUNTY DOES TO PAY THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS THE \$15--
16 WELL THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET \$15 MAXED OUT. THEY'LL ONLY GET,
17 WHAT? 12? SO WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE IS MAKING 15, THEY WILL BE
18 MAKING 12. BUT HERE ON THIS LETTER FROM ABOUT LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, IT STATES THE 2010-'11 FISCAL FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET IS
20 APPROXIMATELY 24.2 BILLION. THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IS 27 BILLION,
21 ALMOST 28 BILLION. THAT 27? SO WHERE DID \$3 BILLION GO? SO
22 THESE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS, THOSE ARE PAY RAISES FOR THESE
23 NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. WHERE'D YOU GET THE MONEY FROM? I
24 KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER, NO, I'M OUT OF TIME, DARN.
25 [LAUGHTER.]

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANKS VERY MUCH. WE WILL MOVE TO ITEM NO.

5 17 WHICH IS AN ITEM WHERE SEVERAL PERSONS WERE INTERESTED IN

6 SPEAKING, ARE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS. I

7 THINK I HAVE ANDREW DOUGLAS FOLLOWED BY LUKE IPPPOLITI, JOHN

8 HOWLAND. DAVID KING. IF YOU ALL WOULD COME FORWARD. REZA

9 SUMADI. MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN, NATALIE FLORES. BRIANNA HOCKINS.

10 AND CYNTHIA HUBACH. THE LAST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM WILL BE

11 FRANCESCA DELAROSA. IN THAT ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD FOR HEARING THIS ITEM. MY

15 NAME IS ANDREW DOUGLAS. I AM A CONSULTANT WITH NONPROFITS. I

16 OFTEN WORK AT THE INTERSECTION OF ADVOCACY AND POLICY, BUT

17 URBAN AGRICULTURE IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT I'M VERY PASSIONATE

18 ABOUT AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH GROWING FOOD IN EACH ONE OF

19 THE PRESENT SUPERVISORS' DISTRICTS. IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S

20 DISTRICT I'VE GROWN FOOD AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES HOME FOR

21 VETERANS. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT I'M CURRENTLY

22 WORKING WITH U.S.C. OUT AT THE WRIGLEY INSTITUTE OUT AT

23 CATALINA ISLAND. HERE ON THE HOME FRONT, I'VE BEEN GROWING

24 FOOD WITH U.S.C. STUDENTS, AS WELL, IN YOUR DISTRICT,

25 SUPERVISOR THOMAS, AS WELL AS OTHERS. THE GREAT THING ABOUT

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1 THIS URBAN AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE ACT IS THAT IT REALLY
2 ADDRESSES TWO PROMINENT THINGS, WHICH ARE THAT AS LONG AS
3 THERE WILL ALWAYS BE VACANT PARCELS OF LAND THAT THE FREE
4 MARKET LEAVES BEHIND AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE STOMACHS THAT
5 THE FREE MARKET LEAVES BEHIND. THIS FUSES THOSE TWO THINGS IN
6 A VERY CREATIVE WAY, I THINK. IT'S PASSED THE STATE SENATE
7 UNANIMOUSLY. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF RIGOR PUT INTO IT. THERE IS
8 ONE THING I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAS FASCINATING IS THAT WE
9 SPENT A LOT OF TIME NEGATING DISINCENTIVES. THIS IS A NEW
10 INCENTIVE FOR SOMETHING IN A WORLD WHERE THERE IS NOT A LOT
11 FOR THIS SORT OF THING. I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL AND I THINK
12 WE SHOULD BE VIGILANT, PERHAPS, THAT WE DON'T PILE UP TOO MUCH
13 OF RED TAPE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, WITH THIS INCENTIVE TURNING
14 WHAT'S INTENDED TO BE AN INCENTIVE INTO A DISINCENTIVE FOR
15 FOLKS THAT JUST WANT TO GO OUT THERE AND GROW FOOD FOR THEIR
16 COMMUNITY. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE
20 THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

21

22 **LUKE IPPOLITI:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU
23 TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A.B.551. MY NAME
24 IS LUKE IPPOLITI. I'M THE FOOD JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY
25 DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION BY THE NAME OF MEND, WHICH STANDS

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1 FOR MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY, LOCATED IN PACOIMA. WE ARE A
2 MULTI-SERVICE POVERTY RELIEF ORGANIZATION PROVIDING FOOD,
3 CLOTHING, MEDICAL, DENTAL, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES TO
4 OVER 30,000 LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS EVERY SINGLE MONTH. A.B.551
5 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THERE TO BE GREATER EQUITY FOR THE LOW-
6 INCOME FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE. THERE ARE THE SECOND HIGHEST
7 INCIDENCES OF DIABETES AND OBESITY IN PACOIMA. THERE IS A FOOD
8 INSECURITY RATE OF 23 PERCENT. THERE'S A POVERTY RATE OF 20
9 PERCENT. THE INTERSECTION OF ALL OF THOSE NEEDS IS THAT THEY
10 CAN BE ADDRESSED THROUGH GREATER ACCESS TO FRESH FRUITS AND
11 VEGETABLES. AS A FOOD BANK THAT SERVES OVER 25,000 PEOPLE
12 EVERY SINGLE MONTH, WE SEE THAT NEED DAY IN AND DAY OUT. BUT
13 IN ADDITION TO THE SCARCITY THAT EXISTS, THERE'S ALSO A GREAT
14 OPPORTUNITY. GIVEN THE POPULATION THAT WE WORK WITH, THERE IS
15 AN ABUNDANCE OF KNOWLEDGE AROUND AGRICULTURE AND THERE IS AN
16 ABUNDANCE OF VACANT LAND. SO A.B.551 IS THIS CONNECTION
17 BETWEEN THESE ABUNDANCES OF AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND LAND
18 THAT CAN BE HARNESSSED FOR GREATER EQUITY, FOR GREATER FOOD
19 SECURITY AND FOR IMPROVED HEALTH. SO I HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL
20 VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO MOVE A.B.551 FORWARD AND BE
21 SUPPORTERS AND CHAMPIONS OF THIS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND
22 YEARS AS IT GETS IMPLEMENTED AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS
23 INCENTIVE IS AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED.
24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND WE'LL
2 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

3

4 **DAVID KING:** MY NAME IS DAVID KING, I'M AT THE FOUNDING CHAIR
5 OF THE SEED LIBRARY OF LOS ANGELES. AND FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO
6 COMPLIMENT THE STAFF AND THE BOARD FOR THEIR EXTREME PATIENCE.
7 I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD DO THAT. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING
9 A.B. 551. YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, LOS ANGELES WAS THE FIRST
10 COUNTY TO EXPORT VEGETABLES BACK EAST. IT WAS THE FIRST COUNTY
11 TO EXPORT WINE BACK EAST. IT WAS THE FIRST COUNTY TO EXPORT
12 CITRUS FRUITS BACK EAST. SO WE HAVE A LARGE AND WONDERFUL
13 AGRICULTURAL TRADITION IN THIS COUNTY. A.B.551 WOULD ADDRESS
14 MANY ISSUES THAT ARE EXTANT IN MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED
15 STATES, BUT SPECIFICALLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MEASURE
16 WOULD PROVIDE US WITH AN ECONOMIC BOON AS FAR AS EMPLOYMENT
17 FOR YOUTH AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HAVING TROUBLE
18 FINDING WORK. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAT
19 ARE MARKETING LOCALLY FROM A LOCAL GROWER, IN ADDITION TO WHICH
20 IT WOULD HAVE THE VIRTUE OF UTILIZING OUR WONDERFUL SOILS AND
21 OUR CLIMATE FOR GROWING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THE AVERAGE
22 ITEM ON THE SHELF OF THE SUPERMARKET TRAVELS OVER 2,000 MILES
23 TO MAKE IT TO THAT MARKET. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE ECOLOGICAL
24 DESTRUCTION FROM VEHICLES AND EXHAUST AND USE OF FOSSIL FUELS
25 DOWN TO A MINIMUM BECAUSE THE FOOD WOULD BE GROWN RIGHT THERE

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1 ACROSS THE STREET OR NEAR THE MARKET. YOU WOULD FIND ALSO THAT
2 THE NUTRITION LEVEL GOES UP WITH FRESHER FOOD. SO THIS IS A
3 WIN/WIN CONSISTENTLY THROUGH OUT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
6 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND LET'S RE-LOAD THE QUEUE.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN:** OUR TRUSTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK
10 YOU FOR HEARING US TODAY IN OUR QUEST FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE
11 AND JUST FOOD SYSTEM. I'M AN URBAN FARMER AND FOOD EDUCATOR.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR NAME IS?

14

15 **MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN:** MY NAME IS MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN. AND FOUR
16 YEARS AGO I STARTED A BUSINESS CALLED HOME GROWN GARDENS.
17 SINCE BECOMING INVOLVED WITH URBAN AGRICULTURE IN LOS ANGELES,
18 I HAVE SEEN GREAT NEED AND DESIRE FOR LOCAL, HEALTHFUL FOOD.
19 OVER THE YEARS, I'VE SEEN THIS TREND STEADILY GROW. AT THIS
20 MOMENT, I BELIEVE OUR CITY IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO FOSTER
21 THIS BURGEONING CITY-WIDE MOVEMENT THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF
22 CREATING AN URBAN OASIS OF HEALTH IN A NATION PLAGUED WITH
23 CHRONIC DISEASE AND CHRONIC DEBILITATING DISEASES. I ALONG
24 WITH A HOST OF OTHERS HERE TODAY ARE READY TO TURN THE
25 BLIGHTED AREAS OF OUR CITY INTO HUBS OF LIFE THAT WILL FOSTER

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1 NATURE, COMMUNITY AND THE ECONOMY THROUGH COMMUNITY GARDENS
2 AND PRODUCTION FARMS. WE ARE GROWING FOOD IN OUR
3 NEIGHBORHOODS. WE ARE ALREADY GROWING FOOD IN OUR
4 NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FARMERS' MARKETS, FOR RESTAURANTS, FOOD
5 BANKS AND SHELTERS WITH ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND INCENTIVIZED
6 LAND, A TRULY LOCAL JUST AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM BECOMES A
7 REALITY IN OUR GREAT CITY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE
10 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **REZA SAMADI:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S
13 REZA SAMADI. RIGHT NOW I'M AN ENTREPRENEUR AND A BUSINESS
14 CONSULTANT. I'VE BEEN IN THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY AND
15 AROUND SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. THERE'S A NEED
16 FOR MORE LOCALLY GROWN NUTRITIOUS ORGANIC FOOD. IT ADDRESSES A
17 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. AND THIS BILL, THIS PROGRAM WILL
18 IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND
19 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CAN ACTUALLY BAND TOGETHER TO PROVIDE
20 SOLUTIONS TO BOTH THE MAJOR PROBLEMS. AND THE MAJOR PROBLEMS
21 ARE, ONE, JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND, TWO, HEALTH,
22 NUTRITION AND ACCESS TO FOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN IN THIS
23 GREAT CITY LIKE LOS ANGELES IS HUGE AREAS OF FOOD DESERTS
24 WHERE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD. AND THOSE
25 FUNNY ENOUGH OFTEN COME SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE LACK OF JOBS.

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1 WHAT THIS PROGRAM GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY FOR IS TO, YOU
2 KNOW, START BUSINESSES TO ADDRESS BOTH PROBLEMS. I THINK IT'S
3 REALLY ABOUT THE ECONOMICS. YOU'D HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO
4 GROW FOOD MEANS MORE FOOD WHICH MEANS REDUCED COST OF FOOD.
5 AND ALONGSIDE THAT, MORE OPPORTUNITY TO FEED PEOPLE AND
6 PROVIDE JOBS IN NEEDED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE
9 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **JOHN HOWLAND:** GOOD MORNING, I'M JOHN HOWLAND, WITH THE CENTRAL
12 CITY ASSOCIATION. I PUT A CARD IN ON NUMBER 10 WAS TOLD TO
13 PROCEED, ANYWAY. SO WE'LL TAKE A BREAK FROM URBAN FARMING AND
14 GET TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGES. C.C.A. SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR
15 KNABE'S MOTION TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE SERVICE
16 AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH THE
17 CONCIERGE TO PROVIDE A CENTRALIZED EXPERIENCE FOR SMALL
18 BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THOSE OF US WHO WORK IN
19 GOVERNMENT, AROUND GOVERNMENT OR WITH GOVERNMENT OFTEN FORGET
20 HOW BYZANTINE IT CAN BE. WE'RE USED TO THE CONVOLUTED
21 PROCESSES AND FIGURED OUT WAYS TO WORK WITHIN THEM. BUT
22 SOMEBODY'S WHO'S WILLING TO INVEST HIS OR HER HARD-EARNED
23 MONEY OR TAKE OUT LOANS TO START A BUSINESS USUALLY DOESN'T
24 KNOW THIS. THEY FACE NUMEROUS, OFTEN INCONCEIVABLE OBSTACLES
25 AND ARBITRARY BARRIERS. THIS MOTION GIVES SMALL BUSINESSES AND

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1 PEOPLE WANTING TO START BUSINESSES ONE PLACE TO GO AND SOMEONE
2 WHO SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP NAVIGATE THIS OBSTACLE COURSE. THIS
3 WILL NOT ONLY HELP BUSINESS OWNERS BUT ALSO PEOPLE WHO THOSE
4 BUSINESSES WILL EVANTUALLY HIRE. THIS IS A GOOD START, ONE
5 THAT OTHER CITIES, ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL
6 HOPEFULLY EMULATE AND EXPAND UPON. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL MOVE
9 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER ON ITEM NO. 17. THANK YOU MUCH.

10

11 **CYNTHIA HUBACH:** HI, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GETTING BACK TO URBAN
12 AGRICULTURE, MY NAME IS CYNTHIA HUBACH. I STARTED THE ELYSIAN
13 VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN IN ELYSIAN VALLEY IN 2010 ON PROPERTY
14 THAT I OWNED SO ACTUALLY I WOULD BE A BENEFICIARY OF A.B.551.
15 WE PROVIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS FOR 30 FAMILIES AND GREEN
16 SPACE FOR MANY MORE. WE ALSO PROVIDE COMPOSTING SERVICES,
17 GARDENING CLASSES, A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY GATHERINGS. MANY OF
18 OUR GARDENERS SAY IT IS A PLACE THAT PROVIDES REFUGE AND
19 RESPITE FOR THEM IN THEIR BUSY LIVES. IT IS A WONDERFUL PLACE
20 AND I'M VERY PROUD TO DO IT. IT DOES COST ME THOUGH NOT JUST
21 THE LAND BUT ALSO \$5,000 A YEAR IN PROPERTY TAXES. SO AS A
22 PUBLIC BENEFIT IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE SOME SUPPORT FROM
23 THE COUNTY AND THE CITY IN PROVIDING THAT SERVICE. I HAVE ALSO
24 BEEN TALKING WITH SOME FRIENDS WHO HAVE PROPERTY. THEY ARE

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1 ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF THIS PROPOSITION, SO WE'RE
2 VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF IT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
5 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **NATALIE FLORES:** ALOHA. MY NAME IS NATALIE FLORES AND I'M HERE
8 ON BEHALF OF SUNSHINE PARTNERSHIPS. WE STARTED AS A GROWER
9 GARDENING ORGANIZATION IN VENICE, TOOK OVER VACANT PARCEL OF
10 LAND AND CONVERTED IT INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN. ORGANIZED 1,000
11 SIGNATURES AND WE ARE ABLE TO GROW FOUR SEASONS' WORTH OF FOOD
12 ON THIS LOT. I COULD ONLY IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL THAT WE HAVE
13 IN THESE VACANT SPACES. AND SUNSHINE PARTNERSHIP WANTS TO HELP
14 UNLOCK THAT POTENTIAL CREATE JOBS IN ABUNDANCE FOR THE
15 COMMUNITY AND BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A JOUOUS AND
16 CELEBRATORY WAY. I STARTED GARDENING FOR MY OWN THERAPY AND
17 HEALING. I WAS IN DESPERATE NEED OF HEALING. TRAVELED THE
18 WORLD LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT FARMING TECHNIQUES AND CAME
19 BACK VERY UNGROUNDED MY INITIAL THOUGHT WAS GO GET THERAPY.
20 AND BECAUSE I WAS LIVING NEAR A VACANT LOT I THOUGHT WHY SEEK
21 THERAPY WHEN I HAVE A VACANT LOT TO MEND. THROUGH HEALING WITH
22 THE EARTH, THROUGH THE SOIL, I WAS ABLE TO COME OUT OF A DEEP
23 DEPRESSION AND BRING MY COMMUNITY TOGETHER THROUGH GROWING MY
24 OWN FOOD. SO I AM ALL FOR THIS. I WANT TO HELP UNLEASH THE

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1 POTENTIAL. PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR FOR IT. WE REALLY NEED IT.
2 WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND WE ALL HAVE TO EAT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN, LIFT THE HANDS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

6

7 **BRIANNA HAWKINS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BRIANNA HAWKINS AND
8 I'M A POLICY AND RESEARCH FELLOW WITH THE LOS ANGELES FOOD
9 POLICY COUNCIL AND I'M ALSO A DOCTORAL STUDENT AT U.S.C.
10 STUDYING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FOOD AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LOWER YOUR MIC JUST A LITTLE BIT.

13

14 **BRIANNA HAWKINS:** IS THAT BETTER?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S BETTER, THANKS.

17

18 **BRIANNA HAWKINS:** THE LETTERS I SUBMITTED ARE ON BEHALF OF THE
19 NEARLY 25 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THAT HAVE
20 SIGNED ON IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTING URBAN AGRICULTURE
21 INCENTIVE ZONES WITHIN THE COUNTY. WE COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT THE
22 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
23 COMMEND HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP. BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE MANY
24 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THAT URBAN
25 AGRICULTURE CAN BRING TO THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THE TAX

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1 BENEFITS THAT THIS POLICY CAN BRING TO PROPERTY OWNERS. THE
2 LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY COUNCIL IS A COLLECTIVE IMPACT
3 INITIATIVE THAT AIMS TO IMPROVE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS THROUGHOUT
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND MAKE IT A GOOD FOOD REGION FOR
5 EVERYONE. WE WANT A PLACE WHERE FOOD IS HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE,
6 FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY GOALS IS TO IMPROVE
7 THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF LOS ANGELOS BY ENSURING THAT WE
8 HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, NUTRITIOUS, CULTURALLY RELEVANT
9 FOOD. THE COUNSEL AND ITS WORKING GROUPS BRING TOGETHER OVER
10 500 LEADERS IN EXPERTS FROM ACROSS SECTORS, GEOGRAPHIES AND
11 SOCIOECONOMIC COMMUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE CONNECTIONS
12 THROUGHOUT THE FOOD SYSTEM AND TO FACILITATE TRANSFORMATION IN
13 THE FOOD SYSTEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT URBAN AGRICULTURE CAN BRING
14 ABOUT ECONOMIC BENEFITS. FOR EVERY ONE DOLLAR THAT COMMUNITY
15 GARDENS PLOTS YIELD, APPROXIMATELY \$6 WORTH OF VEGETABLES ARE
16 YIELDED. THEY CREATE JOBS. THE U.S. D.A. FUNDED COMMUNITY
17 PROGRAMS THAT CREATE OVER 2,300 JOBS AND INCUBATE OVER 3,600
18 BUSINESSES. FINALLY WE RECOGNIZE THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF URBAN
19 AGRICULTURE IS OVERCOMING DISPARITIES THAT MANY LOW INCOMING
20 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR FACE IN ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD. AND THANK
21 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PROPOSING THIS MOTION.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND ADVOCACY.
24 MA'AM, THANK YOU.

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1 **FRANCESCA DELAROSA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FRANCESCA
2 DELAROSA AND I SERVE AS THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN
3 ORGANIZING RESOURCES, KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICES. WORKS IS A
4 NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER THAT HAS INCORPORATED
5 ON SITE EDIBLE LANDSCAPING AND GARDENS FOR RESIDENT FOOD
6 GROWING IN SEVEN OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I ALSO SERVE AS CHAIR OF
7 THE URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP OF THE LOS ANGELES FOOD
8 POLICY COUNCIL AND I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE L.A. COMMUNITY
9 GARDEN COUNCIL. I'M HERE TODAY TO OFFER MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR
10 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN L.A. COUNTY URBAN AGRICULTURE
11 INCENTIVE ZONE PROGRAM AS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS. WE FULLY SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS FOR
13 RESIDENTS AND FOOD GROWERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO
14 GROW FOOD ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES MOST VULNERABLE TO FOOD
15 INSECURITY AND HUNGER. THE CREATION OF AN URBAN AGRICULTURE
16 INCENTIVE ZONE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 511 WILL
17 HELP ADDRESS ONE OF THE BIGGEST OBSTACLES TO RESIDENT AND
18 COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING EFFORTS: AND THAT'S ACCESS TO LAND. THE
19 L.A. COMMUNITY GARDENS COUNCIL, FOR EXAMPLE, OPERATES OVER 40
20 GARDENS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. EACH GARDEN HAS A MULTI-YEAR
21 WAITING LIST. WE CAN MEET THIS DEMAND IF WE HAD MORE ACCESS TO
22 LAND. THAT IS WHY THIS PROGRAM WILL BE A WIN FOR GARDENERS,
23 PROPERTY OWNERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THIS
24 COUNTY THAT STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE INCREASE IN ACCESS TO
25 HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, THE CREATION OF GREEN, OPEN

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1 SPACE AND RENEWED NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE GENERATED FROM BEAUTIFUL
2 COMMUNITY PROJECTS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
3 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT
4 THIS MOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ANYONE ELSE
8 WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 17 AT THIS POINT? MIGHT I JUST
9 SIMPLY SAY THAT LAST NOVEMBER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
10 THE MOTION TO HAVE RELATED DEPARTMENTS REPORT BACK ON THE
11 FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE
12 ZONE PROGRAM. THE SPECIFIC TOPIC TO WHICH THE SPEAKERS
13 ADDRESSED THEMSELVES. THE PROGRAM WHICH WAS SET UP THROUGH
14 STATEWIDE LEGISLATION WORKS BY DECREASING PROPERTY TAX
15 ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS THAT DEDICATE THEIR PROPERTIES
16 FOR AGRICULTURAL USES. THE PROGRAM AIMS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT
17 OF HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GROWN WITHIN URBAN AREAS. AN
18 ADDED BENEFIT OF BEING ABLE TO BE A TOOL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER
19 OF VACANT LOTS, OFTEN BLIGHTED LOTS AND PROPERTIES WITHIN
20 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SLATED FOR REVITALIZATION. LAST JUNE, THE
21 DEPARTMENTS HERE IN THE COUNTY ISSUED A REPORT WHICH CONCLUDED
22 THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM AND THAT'S GOOD
23 NEWS. AND SO THE FISCAL COSTS OF ESTABLISHING THIS TYPE OF
24 PROGRAM ARE LIKELY TO PALE IN COMPARISON, WE BELIEVE, WITH THE
25 ANTICIPATED PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 BENEFITS, THE QUALITY OF LIFE BENEFITS, AND THE ECONOMIC
2 BENEFITS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.
3 IT'S A GOOD THING ANYWAY YOU LOOK AT IT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS
4 PROGRAM IS NOT TO CHANGE ZONING REQUIREMENTS AT ALL FOR
5 AGRICULTURAL USES AND THE LIKE. THEY WOULD STILL BE SUBJECT TO
6 OUR ZONING CODE AND ALL THE RELATED ISSUES AS THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF REGIONAL PLANNING CAN MAKE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. BUT OFTENTIMES
8 STEEP PROPERTY TAXES MAKE IT FISCALLY IMPRACTICAL TO FIND
9 SITES FOR URBAN GARDENING. IT IS URBAN GARDENING THAT WE ARE
10 SEEKING TO PROMOTE. THIS SEEKS TO PROVIDE A CARROT, LITERALLY
11 AND FIGURATIVELY, TO MAKE IT MORE FINANCIALLY VIABLE TO GROW
12 FRUIT AND VEGETABLES RIGHT IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY, IN THE URBAN
13 SPACE, FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN SUCH CONTEXTS. EACH CITY
14 MUST BE PROACTIVE IN SIGNING ON IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO
15 PARTICIPATE. IT'S NOT MANDATED AS SUCH. CITIES HAVE THE
16 PREROGATIVE. I SEE THIS AS ONE CREATIVE TOOL IN THE TOOL KIT
17 TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT FOOD DESERT ISSUES PREVALENT IN URBAN
18 AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 SAY THE PROSPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS A SHOUT OUT TO YOU FOR THE
20 GOOD WORK WE'VE DONE THUS FAR AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
21 BOARD FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
22 PROGRAM WITH A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE SPEAKERS WHO CAME TO
23 SPEAK AFFIRMATIVELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER. WHAT IS BEFORE US?

25

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM
2 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19,
3 24, 25, 26, 27 AND 28.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THOSE ITEMS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE
6 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS
7 VOTE OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE JUST READ.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:**MR. CHAIR PRO TEM AND
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A
11 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXIST
12 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL
13 ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES
14 TRACT NUMBER 72216 AND 61105 IN UNINCORPORATED SOUTH WHITTIER
15 AND VALENCIA TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT'S 1687
16 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED
17 ZONE. AS A RESULT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO
18 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
19 ASSESSMENT AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF ACCEPTING THE
20 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE
21 ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TRACK NUMBER 72216 IN
22 THE UNINCORPORATED VALENCIA AREA AND TRACK NUMBER 611005 IN
23 THE UNINCORPORATED SOUTH WHITTIER AREA. FOR TRACT NUMBER 69468
24 A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A MAJORITY PROTEST DOES
25 EXIST AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO TERMINATE

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1 THE PROCEEDINGS FOR TRACK NUMBER 69468 IN THE UNINCORPORATED
2 AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S PROPERLY MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THERE IS NO
7 FURTHER DISCUSSION. NO OBJECTIONS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS
8 VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S THEN MOVE THE
9 AGENDA FORWARD. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER? WE HAVE SEVERAL
10 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF COMMENT THAT HAS BEEN
11 PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED. THEY ARE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER. DAVID
12 GREEN. LISA HERNANDEZ. DENNIS GREENE. LILLIANA MEMPHIS. RUBY
13 DYE. LILLIAN CABRAL, ORPHEY MELVIN. JULIA MARIN, IN THAT
14 ORDER. MR. GREEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. A LOT OF HANDS IN THE
15 AIR. THEY ACT LIKE THEY JUST DON'T CARE, PROCEED. SIR, THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **DAVID GREEN:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
19 THING I'VE EVER SEEN. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 DAVID GREEN. AND I'M A PROUD L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN'S SOCIAL
21 WORKER AND THE CHAIR FOR SOCIAL WORKERS BARGAINING TEAM, I'M
22 ALSO THE TREASURER FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
23 I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR THAT 55,000 L.A. COUNTY WORKERS TODAY.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **DAVID GREEN:** LAST WEEK OUR DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES CARRIED OUT TESTS AND SIMULATIONS
4 IN PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE STRIKE. THEY EVEN CREATED AN APP
5 THE WORK ACTION READINESS APPLICATION OR WARA AS PART OF THE
6 STRIKE PREPARATION. IT'S SAD IT'S COME TO THIS. NOBODY WANTS A
7 STRIKE. IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN 5,000 SOCIAL WORKERS
8 SACRIFICED UP TO SIX DAYS OF PAY TO CALL ATTENTION TO CHILD
9 SAFETY. IT'S A CRISIS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED.
10 SOCIAL WORKERS WERE CRYING OUT FOR HELP FROM THIS BOARD SO
11 THEY COULD HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO HELP THE MOST
12 VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY. PROGRESS HAS
13 BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE WANT TO THANK PHILIP
14 BROWNING FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SHARING OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS
15 CHILD SAFETY, BUT THE PROGRESS MUST CONTINUE. WE STILL NEED
16 ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND CHILD SAFETY IS STILL A MAJOR
17 PRIORITY. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO BE SAFE.
18 TODAY YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM A VARIETY OF WORKERS FROM
19 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES AND DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, BUT THEIR
20 MESSAGES ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT. WE ALL WANT TO BE TREATED
21 FAIRLY. WE WANT TO BE VALUED. WE WANT TO BE RESPECTED. WE WANT
22 TO PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY SERVICES FOR THE NEEDS OF
23 EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW YOU WANT THAT, TOO. SO WE'RE
24 OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW
25 DAYS. PLEASE DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S BEST FOR ALL OF L.A.

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1 COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE FIRST SPEAKER, MELISSA
2 HERNANDEZ.

3

4 **MELISSA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MELISSA HERNANDEZ.
5 AND I STARTED WITH L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AT 15
6 YEARS OLD. ON SEPTEMBER 11TH I CELEBRATED MY 39TH BIRTHDAY.
7 I'VE BEEN LUCKY AND VERY FORTUNATE TO BE WITH PARKS AND
8 RECREATION MY ENTIRE CAREER. I LOVE WHAT I DO. IN MY YOUNGER
9 DAYS WHEN I STARTED OFF AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE, MINIMUM WAGE
10 WAS 4.25 AN HOUR. WORKING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AS A
11 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE, I MADE OVER \$8 AN HOUR. WITH THAT WAGE, I
12 WAS ABLE TO PUT MYSELF THROUGH SCHOOL, EARN A BACHELOR'S AND
13 MASTER'S DEGREE. YAY. BUT I'M SAD THAT I CAN'T SAY THAT TOO MY
14 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES TODAY. THEY MAKE UNDER \$15 AN HOUR. AND
15 IT'S TOO HARD TO STRUGGLE. I THANK YOU FOR RAISING THE \$15 AN
16 HOUR, BUT TO 2020 IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I CAN'T HAVE THEM
17 WAIT AND CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE. L.A. CITY HAS BEEN THE MODEL
18 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY ORDINANCE AND WE ARE' GLAD THAT YOU GUYS
19 ARE FOLLOWING THAT BUT WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT YOU DO MORE.
20 L.A. CITY HAS MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR UNIONS TO BRING UP
21 THEIR \$15 AN HOUR ORDINANCE TO JANUARY 2017. OTHER LOS ANGELES
22 GROUPS HAVE DONE THE SAME WITH L.A. UNIFIED DOING THEIR \$15 AN
23 HOUR TO 2016. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WILL BE DOING
24 THEIR \$15 AN HOUR MINIMUM WAGE TO JULY 2017. THERE'S NO WORSE
25 FEELING THAN HAVING AN EMPLOYEE CALL ME TWO DAYS BEFORE PAYDAY

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1 AND SAY MELISSA, THIS IS A HARD WORKER, "I CAN'T COME INTO
2 WORK TODAY. I CAN'T PUT GAS IN MY CAR." I'M ASKING L.A. COUNTY
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO MORE. TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
4 UNION, WITH S.E.I.U. AND TO BRING \$15 AN HOUR UP-TO-DATE AT
5 LEAST BY THE END OF OUR CONTRACT IN 2018. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DENNIS GREENE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
11 MY NAME IS DENNIS GREENE. I'VE WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 FOR 28 YEARS AND I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS A LEGAL OFFICE
13 SUPPORT ASSISTANT IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I HAVE
14 BEEN AROUND THE COUNTY BLOCK A FEW TIMES AND HAVE SEEN
15 IMPROVEMENT IN MANY AREAS. BUT THE ISSUE THAT I'M GOING TO
16 PRESENT STICKS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB AS AN INJUSTICE THAT
17 MUST BE CORRECTED. THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE ONLY
18 DEPARTMENT RUNNING PRIMARILY WITH TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES. THE
19 PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYS OVER 900 LIBRARY AIDES AND LIBRARY PAGES
20 ALL IN TEMPORARY STATUS. BUT THERE IS NOTHING TEMPORARY ABOUT
21 THEIR JOBS. THE CLERICAL FUNCTIONS THEY PERFORM ARE ON GOING
22 AND OF AN INDEFINITE DURATION. THEY ARE NOT SEASONAL OR
23 RECURRING. THE WORKLOAD DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY FLUCTUATE. THE
24 ONLY REASON THAT THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS TEMPORARY IS THAT
25 THAT'S THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DONE WITHIN THAT DEPARTMENT.

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1 BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS TEMPORARY LIBRARY AIDS AND
2 PAGES, THEY RECEIVE NO PENSIONS, REDUCED HEALTH BENEFITS, LOW
3 SALARIES, BETWEEN \$10 AND \$12 PER HOUR, NO JOB SECURITY. THEY
4 CAN BE LET GO AT ANY TIME OR HAVE THEIR HOURS CUT WITHOUT
5 WARNING AND WITHOUT JUST CAUSE. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS A COMMON
6 OCCURRENCE. WITH ME TODAY IN THE AUDIENCE IS AMELIA SOTO. SHE
7 HAS BEEN WORKING FOR FOUR YEARS AS A LIBRARY PAGE AT THE
8 GARDENA LIBRARY AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PROMOTING TO A
9 LIBRARY AIDE POSITION IN CULVER CITY WHEN SHE WAS LET GO
10 WITHOUT NO EXPLANATION. AMELIA LOST HER SOLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.
11 IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. MISS SOTO SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN
12 A PERMANENT POSITION AND JOBS WITH BASIC RIGHTS. THE L.A. CITY
13 PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYS THESE PEOPLE, AS WELL. THIS IS A MODEL
14 THAT'S BEEN DONE IN THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE CITY OF
15 CHICAGO. AND THEY HAVE PERMANENT CLERICAL POSITIONS. WE ARE
16 ASKING THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT US IN THE PATHWAY TO PERMANENCY.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NOW WE MOVE
20 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, MA'AM?

21

22 **ILEANA MEZA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
23 NAME IS ILEANA MEZA AND I'M A NURSE PRACTITIONER AT
24 L.A.C.U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AND I WORK IN A G.Y.N. ONCOLOGY
25 CLINIC. LOS ANGELES COUNTY NURSE PRACTITIONERS, REGISTERED

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1 NURSES, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, CRITICAL CARE NURSES SUCH AS
2 BURN UNIT NURSES AND I.C.U. NURSES, WE HAVE DEDICATED
3 OURSELVES TO A LIFE- LONG PROCESS OF LEARNING, OF HIGHER
4 EDUCATION SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY HEALTHCARE
5 OUTCOMES TO OUR VULNERABLE POPULATION, OUR UNINSURED, OUR
6 UNDERINSURED, OUR UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
7 OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS DESERVE TO HAVE HIGH QUALITY
8 HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IF YOU WANT TO BE
9 THE PROVIDERS OF CHOICE, THEN YOU HAVE GOT TO BE THE EMPLOYERS
10 OF CHOICE. YOU HAVE GOT TO PROVIDE SALARIES THAT ARE
11 COMPARABLE TO BE ABLE TO RECRUIT AND TO RETAIN NURSE
12 PRACTITIONERS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES AND
13 CRITICAL CARE NURSES. THE SALARIES FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND
14 OTHER NURSES ARE NOT COMPARABLE AND ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOW IN
15 COMPARISON TO THE MARKET AND IN COMPARISON TO THE ACUITY AND
16 COMPLEXITY OF THE TYPE OF PATIENTS THAT WE SERVE HERE. SOME
17 EXPENSES CANNOT BE PLACED ON THE PRICE LIST. SOME THINGS SUCH
18 AS PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO OUR VULNERABLE
19 POPULATION BY THE NURSES HERE THAT PROVIDE THEIR BRAIN TRUSTS
20 AND DEDICATION TO EXECUTE THIS QUALITY AND TO BRING EVIDENCE-
21 BASED PRACTICE TO THE BEDSIDE AND TO THE CLINICAL SETTING. YOU
22 MUST INVEST IN YOUR NURSES, IN YOUR NURSE PRACTITIONERS, IN
23 YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, IN YOUR CRITICAL CARE NURSES, ALSO
24 IN YOUR CLINICAL LAB SCIENTISTS AND YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION
25 TECHNOLOGY AND A VARIETY OF OTHER HEALTH DIVISION WORKERS THAT

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1 ARE PROVIDING SERVICES TO OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 [APPLAUSE] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **JULIA MARIN:** MY NAME IS JULIA MARIN. I'M AN ELIGABILITY WORKER
8 AT D.P.S.S. ALSO SHOP STEWARD FOR LOCAL S.E.I.U. 721. WHEN WE
9 TALK ABOUT LOW WAGES WORKERS, WE CAN RELATE. AS AN ELIGIBILITY
10 WORKER, MY PAY IS A LITTLE ABOVE \$15 PER HOUR, THOUGH NOT
11 ENOUGH. WE ELIGABILITY WORKERS STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.
12 MANY OF US LIVE FROM PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AND UNABLE TO SAVE
13 FOR OUR FUTURE, SUCH AS OUR CHILDREN'S COLLEGE EDUCATION
14 AND/OR UNEXPECTED LIVING EXPENSES. SOME COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN'T
15 AFFORD A PLACE TO LIVE AND CURRENTLY LIVE IN THEIR CARS. WE
16 ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE A SAFETY NET, BUT MOST OF US ARE ONE
17 STEP AWAY FROM NEEDING THE SAFETY NET OURSELF. WITH THE
18 ECONOMIC RECESSION AND PERVASIVE INCOME INEQUALITY ELIGIBILITY
19 WORKERS SAW THE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN
20 THE LAST TWO YEARS WHICH CREATES CROWDED LOBBIES AND LONG
21 LINES. THROUGH IT ALL ELIGIBILITY WORKERS HAVE MET THE
22 CHALLENGES. WITH THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
23 ELIGABILITY WORKERS HAVE NOW ENROLLED OVER 1 MILLION NEW
24 APPLICANTS IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM. BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING
25 PROBLEM WITH CALHEERS, WE HAVE HAD TO PROCESS MANY OF THE

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1 CASES IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE HIGH PUBLIC DEMAND. WE ARE
2 ASKING TO BE RECOGNIZED AND COMPENSATED FAIRLY FOR THE HARD
3 WORK WE ARE DOING WHICH HAS INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY AND IS
4 BECOMING MUCH MORE COMPLICATED. WE HAVE DONE OUR PART. NOW
5 WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO YOURS. SUPERVISORS, SHOW US THAT YOU
6 CARE. SHOW US THAT YOU ARE WITH US. IT'S TIME TO RAISE UP L.A.
7 [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **MELINDA HARRISON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 MELINDA HARRISON. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF RUBY DYE. I AM AN
13 ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR IN THE COMPTON OFFICE AND I HAVE BEEN
14 EMPLOYED FOR 40 YEARS I'M WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL AN EXPERIENCED
15 WORKER. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. [LAUGHTER.] 40 YEARS' WORTH, I
18 UNDERSTAND.

19

20 **MELINDA HARRISON:** I STARTED MY COUNTY SERVICE SHORTLY AFTER
21 HIGH SCHOOL, SO 40 AND LIKE 18 OR 19, THAT'S NOT VERY OLD.
22 IT'S NOT VERY OLD. EVERY OFFICE HAS EXPERIENCED WORKERS, YOU
23 KNOW THE ONES EVERYONE GOES TO WHEN THEY NEED HELP OR HAVE A
24 QUESTION AND THE ONES THAT MANAGERS TURN TO WHEN A NEW
25 EMPLOYEE NEEDS MENTORING. IN SOME WORK PLACES, EXPERIENCE IS

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1 VALUED. IN SOME SOCIETIES, THE ELDERS ARE TREATED WITH RESPECT
2 BUT NOT L.A. COUNTY. OR AT LEAST NOT WHEN IT COMES TO THE
3 LOWEST PAID WORKERS. HIGHER PAID WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY DO
4 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AFTER THEY'VE REACHED CAREER
5 MILESTONES. DEPUTY SHERIFFS, FIREFIGHTERS, PROBATION OFFICERS,
6 MOST OF THE HIGHER PAID WORKERS. BUT THE REST OF US HAVE BEEN
7 LEFT OUT. NO RECOGNITION. NO REWARDS. NO RESPECT. SOME PEOPLE
8 IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE SEEM TO TREAT LONGEVITY LIKE IT'S A
9 DIRTY WORD. BUT TO US IT MEANS RESPECT. WE CALL ON YOU TODAY
10 TO FINALLY REWARD A LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT TO OUR JOBS. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE]
14 ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** MY NAME IS LILLIAN CABRAL AND I HAVE 37 YEARS
17 OF COUNTY SERVICE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING TO YOU.

20

21 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MY COMMENT WITH A QUOTE.
22 CESAR CHAVEZ LEFT A LEGACY OF EDUCATORS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND
23 A CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER. AND HIS CAUSE LIVES ON. AS FARM WORKERS
24 AND LABORERS ACROSS AMERICA CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR FAIR
25 TREATMENT AND FAIR WAGES, WE FIND STRENGTH IN WHAT CESAR

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1 CHAVEZ ACCOMPLISHED SO MANY YEARS AND WE SHOULD HONOR HIM FOR
2 WHAT HE TAUGHT US ABOUT MAKING AMERICA A STRONGER AND MORE
3 JUST AND MORE PROSPEROUS NATION. THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT THE CALL
4 OF MAKING CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. "IT'S
5 TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AN AMERICAN ICON TO THE
6 ONGOING EFFORT TO PERFECT OUR UNION." SUPERVISORS, THE MAN WHO
7 SPOKE THESE WORDS IS NOT A LATINO LEADER. HE'S NOT A LABOR
8 LEADER. HE IS A LEADER OF OUR NATION. HE IS OUR PRESIDENT,
9 BARACK OBAMA. DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ACTION CESAR
10 CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY IS NOT A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. IT IS RECOGNIZING
11 THE STATE HOLIDAY IN TEXAS, COLORADO AND HERE IN CALIFORNIA.
12 MOST CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICERS ARE CLOSED ON CESAR CHAVEZ DAY
13 AND IT IS A HOLIDAY FOR THE WORKERS. L.A. GOVERNMENT OFFICE
14 CLOSED AND WORKERS CELEBRATE LEGACY CESAR CHAVEZ WITH A PAID
15 DAY OFF. IT IS CELEBRATED IN HOLIDAYS IN MANY CALIFORNIA
16 CITIES AND COUNTIES INCLUDING SACRAMENTO, BERKELEY, SAN JOSE,
17 SAN DIEGO AND CLOSE TO HOME IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CARSON,
18 HAWTHORNE, INGLEWOOD AND LOS ANGELES. AND IN THE CITIES, IN
19 THE NATION FROM PITTSBURGH TO MILWAUKEE, TO RENO TO PHOENIX.
20 IN CAL STATE, U.C. SYSTEMS AND L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS
21 CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY IS A HOLIDAY. SUPERVISORS, IT'S TIME
22 FOR L.A. COUNTY TO BE INCLUDED! IT'S TIME! IT'S TIME! IT'S
23 TIME! THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. IT'S TIME. OKAY. EVERYBODY ALL
2 RIGHT? OKAY. JUST LIFT YOUR HANDS. DO WHAT YOU DO. WE THANK
3 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **KIM PETERS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KIM PETERS.
6 I ALSO AM A 37-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. [APPLAUSE] I REPRESENT
7 THE LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY ASSISTANTS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND WE
8 HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR LIBRARIES REGARDING HEALTH AND
9 SAFETY FOR OUR CUSTOMERS AND OUR EMPLOYEES. IMAGINE GOING TO
10 WORK EVERY DAY AFRAID. WE HAVE EMPLOYEES DOING THAT. LIBRARIES
11 HAVE BECOME A SAFE HAVEN FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OF
12 VARYING DEGREES. SOME JUST NEED A LITTLE EXTRA ATTENTION AND
13 ASSISTANCE AND SOME WHO ARE DOWNRIGHT SCARY. LET ME TELL YOU
14 ABOUT ONE FROM MY LIBRARY. HIS NAME IS WALTER. HE'S A
15 SCHIZOPHRENIC AND HALLUCINATION, HIS PRIMARY HALLUCINATION IS
16 JOEY. WALTER GETS INTO LOUD ARGUMENTS WITH JOEY. AND WHEN HE'S
17 NOT FIGHTING WITH JOEY, HE PICKS ON THE STAFF. THERE'S ONE
18 STAFF MEMBER PARTICULARLY HE PICKS ON, AND SHE HAS BEEN TOLD
19 THAT WHEN WALTER COMES, SHE SHOULD JUST LEAVE THE FLOOR. WELL,
20 WALTER NO LONGER LETS HER JUST LEAVE THE FLOOR. WALTER GETS IN
21 HER WAY, CUSES HER OUT, CALLS HER DEROGATORY NAMES SO NOW
22 SHE'S BEEN TOLD THAT IF SHE SEES WALTER WALK IN THE DOOR,
23 ANYONE ELSE SEES WALTER WALK IN THE DOOR, SHE'S SUPPOSED TO GO
24 IN THE BACK ROOM AND NOT BE OUT ON THE FLOOR AT ALL. OUR
25 ADMINISTRATORS HAVE TOLD HER "WALTER CAN'T HELP HIMSELF

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1 BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS," SO SHE HAS TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE WITH
2 IT. SO HER WAY TO LIVE WITH IT IS SHE'S NOW TAKING XANAX TO DO
3 HER JOB. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO PROTECT
4 WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS BECAUSE WHAT'S TO STOP WALTER FROM
5 STOPPING THE VERBAL ABUSE AND GOING ON TO PHYSICAL ABUSE?
6 NOTHING. AND OUR DEPARTMENT DOES NOTHING. SO THIS IS ONE
7 LIBRARY BUT IT'S HAPPENING EVERY DAY IN MANY LIBRARIES. WE
8 HAVE THE SAME SITUATION BECAUSE WE'RE A SAFE HAVEN FOR PEOPLE
9 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. WHAT CAN WE DO TO FIX THIS? WE NEED
10 TO HAVE A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. WE'RE THE ONLY
11 MAJOR LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY THAT DOESN'T HAVE A CODE
12 OF CONDUCT FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS. WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT,
13 REPEAT OFFENDERS NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIBRARY
14 ENVIRONMENT. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO COME TO THE LIBRARY. IT'S
15 EVERYBODY'S PRIVILEGE BUT ONE PERSON SHOULDN'T AFFECT
16 EVERYONE ELSE'S EXPERIENCE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE AGREE. KATHLEEN AUSTRIA WILL COME AND
19 TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT. SEE WHAT THE APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS
20 ARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE] HOLD ON. THANK
21 YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE IT.

22

23 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** HONORABLE BOARD.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAVE A TALK WITH WALTER SOMETIME SOON.

2 THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
5 NAME IS MELVIN ORPHEY. I WORK AT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
6 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. AND I HAVE NEARLY 18 YEARS OF
7 COUNTY SERVICE. I AM THE COCHAIR OF MY BARGAINING UNIT 221 AND
8 I'M ALSO ON THE HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE THAT'S GOING TO HELP
9 FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF BRINGING L.A. COUNTY TOGETHER. I AM
10 HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY COUNTY WORKERS WHO WORK THE
11 EVENING SHIFT AND THE NIGHT SHIFT. IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE TO
12 PROVIDE DIFFERENTIALS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE UNDESIRABLE
13 SHIFTS. THE DIFFERENTIAL NEEDS TO BE LARGE ENOUGH OR ELSE THE
14 INCONVENIENCE WILL NOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULTS. THE
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY PROVIDES 7.5 PERCENT
16 DIFFERENTIALS FOR EVENING SHIFTS AND A 10 PERCENT DIFFERENTIAL
17 PAY FOR THE NIGHT SHIFT. MOST CALIFORNIA COUNTIES, INCLUDING
18 VENTURA, ORANGE, SANTA CLARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, MONTEREY,
19 CONTRA COSTA AND ALAMEDA COUNTY ALSO PROVIDE AT LEAST 5
20 PERCENT DIFFERENTIAL PAY, AND THEY ALSO GIVE MORE TO THE
21 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. SACRAMENTO COUNTY CURRENTLY PAYS 7.5
22 PERCENT FOR THE EVENING SHIFT AND 10 PERCENT FOR THE NIGHT
23 SHIFT. AND OF COURSE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY PROVIDES THE
24 GREATEST RANGE. THEIRS IS BETWEEN 8 AND 20 PERCENT. BUT L.A.
25 COUNTY DOES NOT PROVIDE A PERCENTAGE DIFFERENTIAL AT ALL.

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1 INSTEAD, MOST OF THE S.E.I.U. WORKERS' MEMBERS RECEIVE A FLAT
2 RATE OF ANYWHERE FROM 30 CENTS AN HOUR UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 70
3 CENTS PER HOUR. AND THESE RATES HARDLY HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED IN
4 THE LAST 25 YEARS. SO OF COURSE THIS RELATIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY
5 THAT WE GOT BACK IN 1992, IT HAS SHRUNKEN SO MUCH AND BECAUSE
6 OUR SHIFTS ARE SO LOW, IT IS HARD TO KEEP THESE EMPLOYEES ON
7 THESE SHIFTS. WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INCONVENIENCING THEIR
8 LIFESTYLES FOR A MEASLY 50 CENTS MORE AN HOUR? AS YOU MIGHT
9 EXPECT WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY HIGH TURNOVER RATE ON THESE OFF
10 SHIFTS. AND BECAUSE AS SOON AS THE DAY SHIFT BECOMES POSITION
11 BECOMES OPEN --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIR?

14

15 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** YES, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. DO YOU LIKE TO WRAP
18 UP?

19

20 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** YES, I WOULD. IN CLOSING, SIR, WE WOULD LIKE
21 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL PAY PRACTICE
22 INCLUDING SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN
23 EMERGENCY ROOMS, MAMMOGRAPHY, BONUSES AND PEOPLE THAT DO
24 STAND-BY. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD AGREE WITH US FOR L.A.
25 COUNTY WORKERS.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL
3 RIGHT. LAST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM IS DAVID GREEN. MR. GREEN?

4

5 **DAVID GREEN:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US
6 THE TIME TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD. AS YOU CAN SEE AND AS YOU CAN
7 HEAR, THE MAIN IMPORTANT ISSUES WERE DETERMINED TO ADDRESS.
8 OUR CONTRACTS ALL EXPIRE NEXT WEEK. OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS,
9 ALL 23 OF OUR BARGAINING UNITS WILL BE MEETING AT THE PASADENA
10 CONVENTION CENTER IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A SETTLEMENT. OUR
11 PROPOSALS ARE REASONABLE. OUR ISSUES ARE REAL. BUT OUR
12 COMMITMENT IS STRONG. PLEASE WORK WITH THE 55,000 L.A. COUNTY
13 EMPLOYEES TO GET US THE RESPECT WE DESERVE AND NEED. PLEASE.
14 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WE THANK
17 YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE THIS MORNING. WE WILL PROCEED. WE HEARD
18 THE THE FULL TESTIMONY. WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO TODAY. YOU'RE
19 WELCOME TO REMAIN AND SPEND THE BALANCE OF YOUR TIME LISTENING
20 TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT IN OUR CLOSING ITEMS. WE EXPECT TO BE
21 DONE IN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES OR LESS. IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN,
22 PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT. IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE AT THIS POINT,
23 WE'D ASK YOU DO IT AS QUIETLY AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN. AGAIN,
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND BEING HERE THIS MORNING.
25 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THE FOLLOWING

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1 PEOPLE WISH TO BE HEARD. THERE ARE 13 SUCH INDIVIDUALS. MONIKA
2 MAYS IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? ARNOLD SACHS. DAVID ROSS.
3 CHRISTINE CHISM, ERIC PREVEN. STENSON TOLLAN, MARKEITHA
4 HARRIS. THERESA MONROE. ROBERT LUCAS. ROBIN TURNER IN THAT
5 ORDER, PLEASE IF I CALL YOUR NAME, MAY I ASK THAT YOU COME.
6 THE TIME IS NOW FOR YOU TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT.
7 MA'AM YOUR NAME.

8

9 **MARKEITHA HARRIS:** MARKEITHA HARRIS. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
10 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
11 AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE VITAL
12 NECESSITY OF R.N.S BEING SUPERVISED BY R.N.S. BECAUSE THE
13 R.N.S TRULY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SAFETY ISSUES ARE IN D.C.F.S.
14 AND THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND THE JEOPARDY THAT COULD BE CAUSED IF
15 THINGS ARE LIKE NO POLICY INSTEAD OF A PROTOCOL THEY HAVE A
16 PROTOCOL INSTEAD OF A POLICY. NURSES ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW
17 POLICY AND NOT PROTOCOLS. AND ALSO I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SO IF
18 WE COULD GET YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THAT, THAT WOULD HELP
19 IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. BECAUSE THAT'S THE NUMBER
20 1 FACTOR IS SAFETY. A LOT OF THE P.H.N.S THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN
21 THE DEPARTMENT, THEY KNOW THE PROCESS VERY WELL. SO THE NEW
22 NURSES NEED TO BE TRAINED ADEQUATELY INSTEAD OF JUST BEING
23 RELEASED TO SEE THE CHILDREN IN THE FIELDS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WELL
2 STATED. >THERESA MONROE: HELLO, MY NAME IS THERESA MONROE AND
3 I'M A 16-YEAR NURSE WITH L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND I WANT TO COME
4 ON BEHALF OF OUR PATIENTS. WE ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS' ASSISTANCE IN ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES. OUR
6 PATIENTS ARE MISSING APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE WE CAN'T KEEP
7 CLINICS OPEN. THEY'RE MAKING LIFE DECISIONS WHETHER TO PAY
8 THEIR LIGHT BILL OR MAKE THEIR DOCTOR APPOINTMENT. WE SEE THEM
9 AT THE END STAGE OF THEIR DISEASE PROCESS, AND WE ARE NURSES.
10 WE'RE RALLYING FOR PREVENTION. WE WANT TO BE OFFENSIVE. WE ARE
11 ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT US WITH OUR
12 ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES AND ALSO WITH OUR CERTIFICATIONS. WE
13 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE THE HIGHLY TRAINED NURSES THAT
14 PROVIDE THE VITAL CARE TO L.A. COUNTY CITIZENS. IN THE BURN
15 UNIT, WE NEED CERTIFICATIONS. WE TREAT EVERYBODY. THE PATIENTS
16 THAT KAISER DO NOT WANT TO SEE, L.A. COUNTY SEES. WE TRAIN OUR
17 MILITARY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE RESPECT
18 OF OUR SUPERIORS, FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT US
19 SO WE CAN GIVE OUR COMMUNITY THE QUALITY THAT THEY DESERVE.
20 NURSES CAN WORK ANYWHERE, BUT WE CHOOSE TO WORK RIGHT HERE AT
21 HOME.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >THERESA MONROE:
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT.
2 JUST HOLD ON A SECOND. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THAT MR. GREEN, YOU
3 BROUGHT THESE PEOPLE HERE NOW, CAN YOU CAUSE THEM TO LEAVE
4 QUIETLY? THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU'RE A GREAT, NOBLE AMERICAN,
5 MR. GREEN. THANK YOU. TRYING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HERE, MR.
6 GREEN. THANK YOU, MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

7

8 **FIONA HENLON:** MY NAME IS FIONA HENLON. I'M A RELIEF NURSE AT
9 L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'VE BEEN THERE FOR THE
10 LAST 16 YEARS. AND I JUST WANTED YOU GUYS TO THINK ABOUT
11 RELIEF NURSES. WE FILL IN FOR THE PLACES WHEN NURSES CALL OUT.
12 WE FLOAT. WE'RE REALLY FLEXIBLE. WE FLOAT TO ALL AREAS OF THE
13 HOSPITAL. WE WORK ALONGSIDE THE CRITICAL CARE NURSES IN THE
14 EMERGENCY ROOM. ALL THE MED-SURG FLOORS. SOME OF US HAVE OUR
15 FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES. I KNOW AT SOME OF THE FACILITIES THEY'RE
16 GIVING THEM FORCED TO WORK SCHEDULES. WE ALSO WERE LOOKING TO
17 GET AN INCENTIVE FOR HOLIDAY PAY SO WE CAN HELP MORE ON THE
18 HOLIDAYS. RIGHT NOW WE GET \$1 AN HOUR. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN
19 INCENTIVE IN THAT SENSE SO WE CAN HAVE MORE PEOPLE THERE. WE
20 WON'T HAVE TO CALL IN SO MANY REGISTRY PEOPLE TO COME AND
21 HELP. AND JUST BE THERE FOR THE PATIENTS AND ALLOW MORE
22 NURSING CARE AND PROVIDE MORE PATIENT SAFETY. AND I JUST WANT
23 TO EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE HOW HARD ALL THE NURSES WORK AND WE
24 ALL WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO MAKE OUR HOSPITALS LOOK GOOD

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1 AND OUR PATIENTS WANT TO COME TO OUR HOSPITALS FOR CARE. THANK
2 YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO US TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DULY NOTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **CHRISTINE CHISM:** MY NAME IS CHRISTINE CHISM. I'M A PARENT.
8 BEEN IN NURSING FOR 20 YEARS. MY CONCERNS ARE DEALING WITH THE
9 C.P.S. AND SPECIAL NEEDS KID. I HAVE A SPECIAL NEEDS SON. I
10 THINK C.P.S. WORKERS SHOULD ALSO DO MENTAL EVALUATIONS THAT
11 THE KIDS NEED TO BE HEARD, ALSO. I'M DOWN WITH THE SOCIAL
12 WORKERS. YES, THEY NEED TO BE PAID MORE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ON
13 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT
14 NEED THAT HELP. WE NEED THE UNDERSTANDING AND THE SUPPORT OF
15 THE NURSES, THE SOCIAL WORKERS, AND THE COUNTY. I JUST THINK
16 MENTAL ILLNESS ALSO, AS THE LADY SPOKE EARLIER ON THAT.
17 EVERYONE SUFFERS FROM SOME TYPE OF MENTAL ILLNESS. IT JUST
18 DEPENDS ON THE PERSON, BUT ME PERSONALLY I'M REALLY LOOKING
19 BECAUSE I HAD TO TAKE OFF MY TIME FROM WORK THAT I'VE BEEN
20 DOING FOR MANY YEARS TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE C.P.S. HERE. AND
21 I JUST THINK IT'S OUT OF CONTROL. THE KIDS NEED MORE HELP,
22 ESPECIALLY SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS. SO THE NURSES SHOULD GET A
23 RAISE BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, THERE IS NOTHING. THAT'S SOMETHING
24 THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED REGARDLESS, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE
25 END. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LIKEWISE.
3 NEXT, SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS. YOU KNOW, I WAS
6 LISTENING TO THE ORGANIZED PEOPLE COMING IN WITH THEIR ISSUES
7 OF WAGE AND STUFF. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF ENERGY. AND WHAT
8 I HEARD WAS A LOT OF LACKING AS FAR AS EARNINGS. I DON'T KNOW.
9 I SPEND A LOT OF TIME THROUGH THE WEEK WITH PEOPLE WHO WOULD
10 BE WILLING JUST GIVEN A CHANCE TO DO ANYTHING, TO BE
11 PRODUCTIVE. AND I KNOW FOR ME, IF I AM OVERBURDENED
12 FINANCIALLY, I'M HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET, I KNOW IN
13 ORDER TO MAKE A CHANGE, I NEED TO START CUTTING SOME CORNERS.
14 MAKE MY LIFE A LITTLE BIT MORE SIMPLE. BECAUSE I DO KNOW THIS,
15 THAT THERE'S A WORKFORCE OUT THERE THAT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY
16 AND THE CHANCE WOULD BE VERY SATISFIED WITH WHAT THERE IS. NOT
17 WITH WHAT THEY WANT. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING A
18 WANT AND HAVING A NEED. SOMETIMES THAT GETS A LITTLE
19 CONFUSING. SOMETIMES THESE WANTS GET PUT IN THE CATEGORY OF A
20 NEED. IT'S FINE TO HAVE ALL THE ENERGY AND COME DOWN AS AN
21 ORGANIZATION AND BRING ALL THAT GOOD ENERGY, WHEN IT PADS YOUR
22 OWN POCKET. COME DOWN SOME OF THE OTHER WEEKS OF THE YEAR JUST
23 FOR THE SAKE OF FINDING OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON AND HOW
24 MANY PEOPLE ARE TRULY IN NEED.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
2 LISTEN NOW TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

3

4 **STENSON TOLLAN:** MY NAME IS STENSON TOLLAN. I WORK FOR THE CITY
5 OF SANTA MONICA 22-1/2 YEARS. I AM STANDING UP FOR THE SENIOR
6 CITIZEN LIKE A ROLE MODEL. THEY MISTREAT THE SENIOR CITIZENS.
7 I'M A VICTIM FAMILY. I'D LIKE THE SUPERVISORS TO STAND WITH
8 ME, HELP THE SENIOR CITIZENS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THEM AND WHEN
9 YOU CALL THE ELDER ABUSE THEY DON'T DO NOTHING ABOUT IT AND
10 SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT. AND I WISH ALL OF YOU
11 SUPERVISORS STAND WITH ME TO HELP ME FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS
12 BECAUSE ONE DAY YOU'LL GET OLDER AND YOU'LL NEED THE HELP,
13 TOO, YOU SEE. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M ALL ABOUT NOW, HELPING THE
14 SENIOR CITIZENS. I THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WEE THANK YOU. CARRY ON.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.
19 EIGHT YEARS, NINE YEARS COMING IN, YOU HAVE A SPLIT PUBLIC
20 COMMENT LIKE THAT? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU DISMISS PEOPLE FROM A
21 PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA SO THAT THEY WON'T BE HERE TO LISTEN TO
22 THE REST OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK IN PUBLIC COMMENT? HOW PHONY THAT
23 IS. JUST UNBELIEVABLE. ANYWAY, I LOOKED AT SOME NOTES HERE.
24 SOMETHING ABOUT DIVERSION ABOUT THIS. SOMETHING ABOUT THE
25 MINIMUM WAGE. FOR THE 45,000 MEMBERS OF THE S.E.I.U., WHEN

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1 THEY WERE HERE FOR THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS WITH
2 120,000, 40,000 WORKERS. YOU HAD TO BRING IN PEOPLE FROM SAN
3 BERNADINO COUNTY TO FILL UP THE AUDITORIUM TO MAKE IT LOOK
4 LIKE EVERYBODY SUPPORTED YOU. DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT
5 THAT. SOMETHING THAT CAUGHT MY EYE AND I MEANT TO BRING IT UP
6 ABOUT THE DIVERSION PROGRAM. THE STORY FROM AUGUST 12, 2015
7 AND IT MENTIONED THIS IS WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ALL THE
8 DIVERSION STUFF AND HOW GUNG HO THE CITY, THE COUNTY IS GOING
9 TO BE. SOME OF THE ROUGHLY 10 MILLION A YEAR FOR DIVERSION
10 WILL COME FROM STATE MONEY SET ASIDE FOR SUPERVISING AND
11 HELPING THE OFFENDERS. AND THAT NUMBER STUCK IN ME. TEN
12 MILLION. YOU IN L.A. CITY YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND \$10 MILLION TO
13 HOUSE 50 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN L.A. CITY AND YOU'RE GOING TO
14 SPEND \$10 MILLION DOLLARS ON DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR 1,000
15 MENTALLY ILL. EITHER WE GOT BEAT DOWN FOR THE \$10 MILLION THE
16 FIRST TIME OR WE'VE TAKEN A BEATING ON THE SECOND TIME BECAUSE
17 IT'S \$10 MILLION. AND THAT'S THE MATH. THIS IS A STORY FOR
18 YOU, MS. KUEHL, A QUIZ. THIS IS FROM AN ARTICLE FROM 1-2-'13
19 IN THE L.A. TIMES. IT'S A QUESTION. "WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
20 BETWEEN A MOSQUITO AND A LAWYER? ONE'S A BLOOD SUCKING
21 PARASITE, THE OTHER IS AN INSECT."

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

24

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1 **ROBIN TURNER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ROBIN TURNER AND I'M
2 WITH A COMPANY THAT HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THE
3 COUNTY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. WE ARE AN S.B.E., W.B.E.,
4 D.B.E., C.B.E. AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER CERTIFICATION FIRMS
5 AND WE HAVE A PROJECT THAT IS A COUNTY PROJECT, VERY HIGH
6 PROFILE PROJECT. AND IN WHICH WE ARE HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING
7 PAID NOT BY THE COUNTY BUT WE ARE ALWAYS A SUBCONSULTANT TO
8 THE COUNTY. AND WHAT I WANT TO BRING TO YOU THIS MORNING IS
9 THAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF HIRING SMALL FIRMS
10 THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED OR COMMUNITY-BASED. BUT THAT'S AS FAR
11 AS THE COUNTY GOES. SO I'VE HAD INVOICES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN
12 PAID FROM 6 TO 12 MONTHS. AND THE REASON IS IS BECAUSE MY
13 CONTRACTOR SITS ON THE INVOICES AND DOESN'T TURN THEM INTO THE
14 COUNTY FOR MONTHS ON END. THE PROBLEM IS THE COUNTY SEES THAT
15 THEY'RE PAYING WITHIN THE PROMPT PAYMENT ACT TIME BECAUSE IT
16 LOOKS LIKE THAT, BUT THERE'S NO CHECKS AND BALANCES THAT THE
17 COUNTY HAS TO ASSURE THE SMALL BUSINESS THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY
18 GETTING PAID. SO THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR TODAY, TO SEE IF
19 THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN GET SOMETHING IN PLACE. I ACTUALLY
20 INSTIGATED THE ONE THAT METRO NOW HAS. AND I WOULD LIKE THE
21 COUNTY TO LOOK INTO THIS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS A RESPONSE.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE FROM MY
2 STAFF VISIT WITH YOU. WE'RE TYING THIS ALL INTO THE CONCIERGE
3 ISSUE WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS FOLKS.

4

5 **ROBIN TURNER:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SOMEONE IS COMING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** SOMEONE WILL COME. DON'T LEAVE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** HE'S OVER HERE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL PERSONS WOULD
16 WISH TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU. JACQUELINE ESCALANTE, MICHAEL
17 RABI? FINALLY OSCAR MUHAMMAD. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.

18

19 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO
20 ME. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE ESCALANTE. I AM A BURN I.C.U. NURSE.
21 I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY OF L.A. FOR ABOUT 10
22 YEARS. ON BEHALF OF THE BURN I.C.U. NURSES, BEING THAT WE TAKE
23 CARE OF KAISER PATIENTS BECAUSE THE KAISER NURSES CAN'T TAKE
24 CARE OF THAT HIGH ACUITY SO THEY GET SENT TO US, WE'RE ASKING
25 FOR AN I.C.U. RETENTION BONUS. AN I.C.U. BONUS AND A RETENTION

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1 BONUS, BEING THAT THE COUNTY SPENDS ABOUT \$85,000 TRAINING A
2 NEW NURSE, AND THEN THEY DON'T LIKE IT BECAUSE IT'S TOO HIGH
3 OF AN ACUITY FOR THEM SO THEY GO WORK FOR KAISER, ANOTHER
4 PRIVATE HOSPITAL. NOBODY WANTS TO STAY. FOR US EXPERIENCED
5 NURSES HAVE BEEN THERE, WE'RE NOT GETTING PAID ENOUGH TO WANT
6 TO CONTINUE TO STAY THERE. SO WE NEED RAISES. WE NEED I.C.U.
7 BONUS RAISES. WE NEED RETENTION RAISES. WE NEED -- I'M
8 CURRENTLY WORKING ON MY MASTER'S. COUNTY IS NOT PAYING FOR
9 THAT. I'M PAYING FOR IT OUT OF MY POCKET. WE NEED ONE OF THOSE
10 INCENTIVES, AS WELL. I BELIEVE THAT'S IT. SO WE DO WANT TO FOR
11 THE COUNTY OR I WILL HAVE TO GO WORK FOR KAISER OR THE
12 PRIVATE. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHERE ARE YOU WORKING ON YOUR MASTER'S?

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16 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** I'M GOING TO ASUZA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.
17 JUST TO BE A NURSE PRACTITIONER.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXCELLENT.

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21 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** WHAT ELSE WAS I GOING TO SAY? I'M HERE
22 ON MY DAY OFF. I'M NOT GETTING PAID TO BE HERE.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND. WE THANK YOU. WE ACKNOWLEDGE
25 THAT.

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2 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED. NEXT SPEAKER? MR.RABI.

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6 **MICHAEL RABI:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL RABI. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF
7 S.E.I.U. 721 AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE HAWTHORNE
8 I.H.S.S. OFFICE. OUR CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE ENDING ON THE
9 30TH, SO WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING OUR NEW CONTRACT AS
10 WELL AS A PAY INCREASE TO MATCH THE STANDARDS OF LIVING THAT
11 ARE NOW GOING ON. A COUPLE OTHER ISSUES THAT I WANT TO BRING
12 FORWARD IS THE IMMENSE CASELOAD THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE
13 GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW WITH OUR CASELOADS WELL OVER 500
14 CASES. WE HAVE TO SEE THESE INDIVIDUALS ONE AT A TIME
15 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WHEN OUR M.O.U. IS ONLY AT 249 WHICH WE'RE
16 CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO SEE. ALSO, OUR BILINGUAL STAFF IS
17 BEING TAXED TO THE END BECAUSE WE ARE NOT HAVING ADEQUATE
18 STAFFING TO BRING IN CLERKS TO ASSIST US WITH THE PROVIDERS
19 WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS. WE'RE JUST ASKING
20 FOR A FEW MODEST CHANGES FOR STAFFING TO BRING DOWN OUR
21 CASELOADS SO THAT WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY DO OUR JOBS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MR.
24 ROBBY. TAKE CARE. MR. MOHAMMED.

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1 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK
2 FOR THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK
3 FOR CULTURE CHANGE. BUT I WAS TALKING ONCE LAST WEEK ABOUT HOW
4 BLACK AMERICA IS DIVIDED IN LOS ANGELES. AND I WAS SAYING THAT
5 THE LOS ANGELES WAS THE MOST WORST DIVIDED THE CITY THE BLACK
6 PEOPLE LIVE IN. BUT THERE'S ONLY 400,000 BLACKS IN LOS
7 ANGELES. BUT I WENT TO THE INTERNET AND NEW YORK WITH 3
8 MILLION BLACK PEOPLE LIVE IN, I SAW THEY WERE MORE UNIFIED BUT
9 PERSON IN NEW YORK THEY HAVE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND NEW YORK
10 IS NUMBER 1 MOST DIVIDED CITY WHERE BLACKS LIVE AND LOS
11 ANGELES NUMBER 2. BUT WE NEED POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE
12 SHOULD BE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND I SEE THAT THE PEOPLE
13 THAT ARE FEELING THE WORST EFFECTS FOR US BEING DIVIDED IS THE
14 AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALES, THE ADULTS DISABLED FEMALES IS IN
15 CHRISTIANITY THEY REALLY NEED MORE SUPPORT AND NOT GETTING
16 ANY. WE SHOULD TRY TO CHANGE SKID ROW DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. WE
17 SHOULD BE BRINGING MORE RESPONSIBILITIES INTO SOCIETY. BUT LOS
18 ANGELES DOWNTOWN SKID ROW IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE BLACK
19 HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVES ON THE SIDEWALK IN THE LAND OF PLENTY AND
20 HAVE THE TYPE OF CONDUCT ALL DAY LONG. NO OTHER CITY IN
21 AMERICA DO THAT. WE SHOULD TRY TO CHANGE THIS DOGMATIC,
22 INHUMANE GOVERNMENT. WE SHOULD END POLICE BRUTALITY. WE SHOULD
23 HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR LIFE. IT SEEMS WE ARE LEFT TO
24 CREATE OUR DAILY LIFE. LIKE WE HAVE ONE DAY CREATED FOR THE
25 CHRISTIANS ON SUNDAY, ONE DAY CREATED FOR THE MUSLIM ISLAM IS

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1 ON FRIDAY. AND IT'S HARD, VERY HARD FOR US TO CELEBRATE TRUE
2 LIBERTY WITHOUT THE CREATOR, THOUGH. AND WE HAVE FREEDOM,
3 THOUGH. WE HAVE FALSE FREEDOM AND TRUE FREEDOM. GOD GIVE US
4 CHOICE, THOUGH. FREEDOM WITHOUT AUTHORITY IS FROM SATAN.
5 FREEDOM WITH AUTHORITY IS FROM THE CREATOR.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. AND
8 WE HAVE NOW CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR AGENDA.
9 MEMBERS, WE ARE NOW AT OUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND WHATEVER
10 SPECIALS YOU MAY HAVE. WE BEGIN WITH THE FOURTH DISTRICT
11 FOLLOWED BY THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I WILL CLOSE AND THEN MOVE
12 TOWARD EXECUTIVE SESSION. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TWO
15 ADJOURNMENTS TODAY, A COUPLE VERY DEAR FRIENDS. FIRST OF ALL
16 KELVIN WILKERSON. ONE OF OUR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL
17 REHABILITATION ARTISTS WHO PASSED AWAY IN HIS SLEEP THIS PAST
18 FRIDAY. HE WAS ONLY 57. KELVIN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS
19 ANGELES AND HAD A VERY BIG, HUGE PASSION FOR PAINTING. TURNED
20 OUT TO BE A TALENTED AND SUPERB ARTIST. IN 2001 HE SUFFERED A
21 VERY DEBILITATING STROKE AND REHABILITATED AT RANCHO WHERE THE
22 STAFF ENCOURAGED HIM TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR PAINTING PROGRAMS.
23 HE DID. HIS PAINTINGS HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED, CONTINUE TO BE
24 DISPLAYED AT THE ART OF RANCHO EXHIBITS. AND, IN FACT, ONE OF
25 MY FAVORITE PAINTINGS OF HIS IS HANGING IN THE RECEPTION AREA

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1 OF MY OFFICE, ONE OF MR. RAY CHARLES. KELVIN INSPIRED MANY
2 OTHER PATIENTS AND MANY WHO VISITED RANCHO WITH HIS POSITIVE
3 ATTITUDE AND MORE IMPORTANT HIS ARTISTIC TALENT. HE WAS HUMBLE
4 AND GRATEFUL AND ONCE STATED "EVEN WHEN I'M PHYSICALLY
5 CHALLENGED BY EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO MY BODY, MY SPIRIT
6 SOARS EACH TIME I PUT A PAINT BRUSH. ART MAKES ME STRONGER AND
7 GIVES ME MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN LIFE. I THANK MY FRIENDS
8 AT RANCHO FOR BELIEVING IN ME AND HELPING ME BELIEVE IN
9 MYSELF." HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS, STAFF
10 AND FAMILY AT RANCHO. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE YVONNE, SON CARL,
11 DAUGHTER TRACEY AND THREE WONDERFUL GRANDCHILDREN. KELVIN
12 WILKERSON. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND,
13 MR. JOHN HUNTLY, THE FUNDER OF A.B.C. TRAFFIC PROGRAMS WHO
14 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AT THE AGE OF 73. BORN AND
15 RAISED IN OKLAHOMA BEFORE MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, HE MARRIED THE
16 LOVE OF HIS LIFE, MICHELLE, AND TOGETHER THEY RAISED TWO
17 DAUGHTERS. HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER BEGAN WITH THE L.A.P.D.
18 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT WHERE HE RETIRED AS A SERGEANT. EDUCATION WAS
20 ALWAYS SO IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT HE DECIDED TO TEACH CRIMINAL
21 JUSTICE AT ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL AND CERRITOS COLLEGE BEFORE HE
22 OPENED HIS OWN BUSINESS, A.B.C. TRAFFIC PROGRAMS. SURVIVED BY
23 HIS WIFE, MICHELE, TWO DAUGHTERS, SERENE AND KIMBERLY AND FIVE
24 BEAUTIFUL GRANDCHILDREN. GOOD FRIEND. JOHN WILL BE MISSED.
25 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE. MS. KUEHL.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M SORRY TO SAY I
5 HAVE SIX ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
6 DO SO IN MEMORY OF DONNY "CONN" CLAPS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
7 MALIBU, SONGWRITER, PERFORMER, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
8 OF 85. BORN IN WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, STARTED PLAYING DRUMS
9 AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. TOOK THE STAGE NAMED DONNY CONN.

10 GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WHERE HE HELPED FOUND
11 BETA SIGMA GAMMA, THE FIRST INTERCULTURAL AND INTERRACIAL
12 FRATERNITY IN NEW ENGLAND. AS A MEMBER OF THE NOVELTY POP
13 GROUP, THE NITWITS, WHO SOON CHANGED THEIR NAME TO BETTER
14 KNOWN PLAYMATES, HE TOURED NORTH AMERICA AND CO-WROTE THEIR
15 BEST SELLING HIT, THE NOVELTY TUNE "BEEP BEEP" ABOUT THE BRAVE
16 LITTLE NASH RAMBLER THAT BEAT A CADILLAC WHILE STUCK IN SECOND
17 GEAR. IT SPENT 12 WEEKS ON THE BILLBOARD TOP 40 CHART. EARNED
18 A GOLD RECORD. SOLD MORE THAN A MILLION COPIES, WHICH IN THOSE
19 DAYS WAS PRETTY BIG. PLAYMATES WENT ON TO RECORD FOUR ALBUMS
20 BEFORE DISBANDING, AFTER WHICH DONNY LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL
21 CAREER AS A STANDUP COMEDIAN AND LATER MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER,
22 COACH AND AUTHOR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS,
23 JOANNA, THREE CHILDREN, KIELA, STEVEN AND KOBY, AND TWO
24 GRANDCHILDREN, AMANDA AND KELLY. AND, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
25 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACKIE COLLINS,

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1 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, PRETTY WELL KNOWN,
2 BEST SELLING AUTHOR FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
3 AT THE AGE OF 77 FOLLOWING A SIX-YEAR BATTLE WITH BREAST
4 CANCER. SHE WAS BORN IN LONDON, FASCINATED WITH WRITING FROM A
5 VERY EARLY AGE. "THE WORLD IS FULL OF MARRIED MEN", WAS A
6 NOTORIOUS POT-BOILER THAT WAS DENOUNCED BY A MEMBER OF
7 PARLIAMENT AS THE DIRTIEST BOOK HE'D EVER READ. BUT IT WAS
8 ONLY THE FIRST OF MORE THAN 30 INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLERS THAT
9 TOGETHER SOLD MORE THAN 500 MILLION COPIES AROUND THE WORLD.
10 SHE'S SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN, TRACEY, TIFFANY AND RORY,
11 AND HER SISTER, ACTRESS JOAN COLLINS. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
12 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALLEN PURWIN,
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MALIBU, A PILOT, OWNER OF A FLEET
14 HELICOPTER FIRM, DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 54 IN A PLANE
15 CRASH. BORN AND RAISED IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TO A FATHER WHO
16 WAS A WEEKEND PRIVATE PILOT, DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN AVIATION
17 EARLY IN LIFE AND RECEIVED HIS OWN PILOT'S LICENSE AT THE AGE
18 OF 16. AFTER HONING HIS SKILLS AS A CROP DUSTER IN THE
19 MIDWEST, HE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA AND BEGAN WORK IN THE
20 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FLYING HELICOPTERS AND STAGING
21 HELICOPTER CHASES. HE PARLAYED HIS SKILL AND SUCCESS INTO HIS
22 OWN FIRM, HELINET WHICH CONTRACTED WITH NEWS ORGANIZATIONS,
23 PRODUCTION COMPANIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT
24 SERVICES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KATHERYN, CHILDREN KYLE
25 AND MICHELA, MOTHER, BROTHER, SISTER. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT

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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND
2 ROBERTA BOARDMAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE, RECENTLY
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS FROM LUNG
4 CANCER. BORN AND RAISED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, SHE WAS A
5 SELF-PROCLAIMED ORIGINAL VALLEY GIRL WHO BEGAN HER LIFE OF
6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, LEARNING AT THE KNEE OF HER ATTORNEY
7 FATHER. HER NUMEROUS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS INCLUDE THE GIRL
8 SCOUTS, VISTA, MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING, GUADALUPE YOUTH
9 CENTER, SHERWOOD FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, 4-H CLUBS,
10 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION,
11 MID-VALLEY POLICE COUNCIL, L.A. PHILHARMONIC AFFILIATES AND
12 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S
13 POLITICAL CAUCUS. HER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN HER
14 COMMUNITY INCLUDED SERVICES DEPUTY TO L.A. CITY COUNCIL
15 MEMBERS JOY PICUS AND JOEL WACHS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
16 TARZANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE
17 CALIFORNIA STATE P.T.A. IN THEIR SPARE TIME, IF YOU BELIEVE
18 THEY HAD ANY, SHE AND HER HUSBAND, DALLAS, LOVED TO TRAVEL THE
19 WORLD. LOCALLY TOOLING AROUND TOWN IN ONE OF THEIR CHERISHED
20 VINTAGE AUTOS INCLUDING A 1931 FORD, SLANT-WINDOW, FOUR-DOOR
21 SEDAN. A 28 FORD COUP WITH RUMBLE SEAT A DELORIAN AND A
22 CLASSIC MUSTANG. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY, DEEPLY MISSED BY FAMILY,
23 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR HER PROFOUND DEDICATION FOR MAKING
24 HER COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
25 HER CHILDREN, BRIDGET WINNETT, JULIE WHITE, WENDY COX AND

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1 ROBERT BOARDMAN. NINE GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER TWIN SISTERS SHANNON SILVERMAN AND
3 VIRGINIA KELLEY. HER HUSBAND DALLAS PREDECEASED HER IN 2009.
4 COLLEAGUES, I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
5 OF ALAN KAPLAN, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, TEACHER
6 FOR 33 YEARS AT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT
7 THE AGE OF 60 FOLLOWING COMPLICATIONS FROM SURGERY. HE WAS A
8 GIFTED INSTRUCTOR, AND HE MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED THOUSANDS OF
9 STUDENTS OVER THE COURSE OF HIS TEACHING CAREER. HE WAS
10 CHERISHED BY HIS FELLOW TEACHERS AS A WARM AND SUPPORTIVE
11 COLLEAGUE. WITH HIS WIFE ERIN, HE LOVED TRAVELING, DINING OUT,
12 DEBATING CURRENT AFFAIRS AND SHARING THE LATEST STORIES FROM
13 "THE NEW YORKER" OR "THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY," AT RAISING THEIR
14 HOUSEHOLD OF RESCUE DOGS. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED AND FONDLY
15 REMEMBERED BY ALL OF US FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM
16 AND LEARN FROM HIM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ERIN, HIS MOTHER
17 BERNICE, HIS SISTER, HIS NEPHEW, HIS NIECE AND OTHER FAMILY
18 MEMBERS AND MANY, MANY FRIENDS. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I ASK THAT
21 YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR. WILLIAM H. GRIER,
22 BORN FEBRUARY 7, 1926 IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE PASSED ON
23 SEPTEMBER 3RD. AT THE AGE OF 89 IN CARLSBAD. HE GRADUATED WITH
24 A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND EARNED
25 HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. HE SERVED

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1 OVERSEAS IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND OBTAINED
2 THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. HE MOVED BACK TO DETROIT WHERE HE
3 ESTABLISHED THE PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC PRACTICE. HE TAUGHT AT
4 WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY. IN 1968 HE AND HIS COLLEAGUE, DR.
5 PRICE M. COBBS, AUTHORED A BOOK ON RACE ENTITLED "BLACK RAGE"
6 WHICH DREW WIDESPREAD ATTENTION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE
7 ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IT BECAME THE
8 REQUIRED READING IN COLLEGES AND CLASSROOMS ON PSYCHODYNAMICS
9 IN RACE RELATIONS ACROSS THE NATION. DRS. GREER AND COBBS,
10 TOGETHER RAN A PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE THE
11 FOCUS WAS ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RATHER THAN THE ECONOMIC
12 CONSEQUENCES OF RACISM AND DREW ON CASE STUDIES ABOUT AFRICAN-
13 AMERICANS AND THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND THE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT
14 INFORMED THE LIVES OF THIS PARTICULAR SOCIOECONOMIC AND ETHNIC
15 GROUP. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HELPING
16 RAISE THE AWARENESS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RACISM. HE
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CONNIE, HIS SON DAVID ALAN GRIER, HIS
18 DAUGHTER ELIZABETH, STEPSON DEDREK, DAUGHTER SAMINAH, AND TWO
19 GRANDCHILDREN, COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE
20 MEDICAL COMMUNITY WHO WILL NOTE HIS WORK AND REMEMBER HIM
21 FONDLY. JESSE JOHNSON, BORN ON DECEMBER 12, 1932 IN DALLAS,
22 TEXAS AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 83 AFTER A
23 BATTLE WITH CANCER. AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL HE
24 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES. HE MARRIED BETTY JOHNSON IN 1972 AND
25 THIS YEAR THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 43RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. HE

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1 WAS A PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER AND A DISTRIBUTOR FOR SEVERAL
2 TRUCKING COMPANIES AND IN PARTICULAR BOHEMIAN DISTRIBUTING
3 COMPANY FOR SOME 30 YEARS UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT. HE
4 WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND A STAUNCH MEMBER OF THE TEAMSTERS
5 UNION LOCAL 848. HE TOOK PRIDE IN HIS COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN
6 OF THE BURNSIDE AVENUE BLOCK CLUB. MEMBERS OFTEN REFER TO HIM
7 AS "MR. MAYOR." HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. AND SERVED
8 ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESQUIRE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. HE
9 RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS FOR HIS TREMENDOUS
10 WORK IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE
11 SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SOME 42 YEARS AND SERVED AS VICE
12 PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB.
13 IN ADDITION TO BEING AN USHER FOR SOME 30 YEARS, HE ENJOYED
14 SINGING AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR. IN 1988, HE AND HIS
15 FAMILY WERE NAMED AS FAMILY OF THE YEAR, AN HONOR WHICH MADE
16 HIM EXTREMELY PROUD. MR. JOHNSON LOVED SPORTS AND JAZZ, GOOD
17 FOOD, THE OUTDOORS AND TRAVELING, AND HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS
18 AN EXTRAORDINARY HUSBAND, FATHER, MENTOR, FRIEND AND FAITHFUL
19 SERVANT. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THAT HE IS
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BETTY, SON ALEX, DAUGHTER CICELY AND A
21 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE SECOND BAPTIST
22 CHURCH WHO WILL MISS HIM TREMENDOUSLY. JESSE JOHNSON, FATHER
23 OF ALICE JOHNSON. GLORIA ALLEN NABRIT. GLORIA WAS BORN ON
24 JANUARY 23RD IN 1935 IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AND PASSED ON
25 SEPTEMBER THE 7TH AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S

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1 DEGREE IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC
2 HEALTH FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. SHE WORKED FOR
3 45 YEARS IN THE MEDICAL AMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC HEALTH FIELDS
4 INCLUDING 25 YEARS AS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE KEDREN
5 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE SERVED ON
6 SEVERAL FEDERAL COMMITTEES UNDER FOUR U.S. PRESIDENTS,
7 COLLABORATED WITH CONGRESS PERSONS ON HEALTH, ISSUES RELATED
8 TO THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY DISABLED. SHE WAS ALSO A GOVERNOR'S
9 APPOINTEE FOR THE HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING BOARD OF THE
10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NABRID WAS A NUMBER OF SEVERAL
11 ORGANIZATION, DELTA SIGMA BETA SORORITY, THE NATIONAL ADVISORY
12 COMMITTEE, LOS ANGELES COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, CALIFORNIA
13 COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH AND THE MAYOR'S CENTRAL CITIES
14 TASKFORCE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING MOTHER AND
15 GRANDMOTHER, A KIND AND GENEROUS EMPLOYER AND A COMMUNITY
16 SERVANT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER VICKI, HER
17 GRANDDAUGHTERS FAWN, MICHAEL, AND SIBLINGS ELIZABETH, EMMA,
18 JUDGE JOHN ALLEN, VIRGINIA, MELINDA AND ROSE WILL ALL MISS HER
19 VERY DEARLY. GLORIA ALLEN NABRIT. THERE WAS A FINAL PERSON
20 WISHING TO BE HEARD ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF VETERANS. AND WE
21 CALL JOHN AARON IF HE WOULD COME AT THIS TIME, AFTER WHICH
22 TIME WE WILL ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MR. AARON?
23
24 **JOHN AARON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ACCOMMODATING ME. I
25 DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD AN ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE. I WAS HERE

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1 LAST WEEK TO POINT OUT THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE BOARD'S
2 POSITION IN YOUR LETTER TO AN A.C.L.U. ATTORNEY IN 2014
3 SUPPORTING JUDGE OTERO'S DECISION FINDING NINE LEASES,
4 INCLUDING THE LEASE TO U.C.L.A. BASEBALL STADIUM AT THE
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS PROPERTY TO BE ILLEGAL AND YOUR LETTER
6 RECENTLY TO SENATOR FEINSTEIN SUPPORTING HER NEW LEGISLATION
7 FOR NEW E.U.L. AUTHORITY, WHICH CONTAINS A PROVISION TO
8 REINSTATE THAT SAME LEASE, THE DEMISE OF WHICH YOU FIRST
9 APPLAUDED. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I BELIEVE LAST WEEK YOU WERE ONE
10 OF THE VOICES WHO BEMOANED THE POTENTIAL CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
11 AND CONTROL OF THE L.A. TIMES, DILUTING ITSELF LOCAL OWN
12 HOMETOWN PAPER FLAVOR. THE QUESTION IS: DOES ANYBODY HERE READ
13 THAT PAPER? BECAUSE WHEN SENATOR FEINSTEIN, REPRESENTATIVE
14 LIEU AND SENATOR BOXER ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO INTRODUCE
15 THE BILL ON AUGUST 6TH, THE V.A. SPOKESMAN WAS WITH QUOTED AS
16 SAYING, "THIS LEGISLATION OPENS THE DOOR FOR U.C.L.A. TO KEEP
17 USING THE STADIUM." YOUR LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HER BILL WAS
18 WRITTEN ON AUGUST 11TH, FIVE DAYS LATER. SO NO ONE HAS AN
19 EXCUSE SAYING "WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS IN THERE." NOW, LAST
20 MONDAY AND TUESDAY, WE HAD 2.39 INCHES OF RAIN IN THE CITY.
21 THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAID THAT IT WAS THE HEAVIEST
22 RAINFALL, SECOND HEAVIEST RAINFALL IN SEPTEMBER SINCE RECORDS
23 WERE KEPT IN 1877. PROPONENTS OF THE U.C.L.A. BASEBALL LEASE
24 HAVE SAID THAT ONE OF THE DIRECT BENEFITS TO VETERANS IS
25 KNOWING THAT THEY GET A FREE TICKET TO WATCH U.C.L.A. BASEBALL

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1 GAME. DOES ANYONE ON THIS BOARD SERIOUSLY THINK THAT THE
2 PROSPECT OF GETTING A FREE TICKET TO WATCH U.C.L.A. BASEBALL
3 IN THE SPRING WOULD KEEP -- GIVE ANY VETERAN ANY HOPE WHO WAS
4 EXPOSED TO THAT WEATHER?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, YOUR
7 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD HAS BEEN AFFORDED YOU AND YOUR TIME IS
8 NOW EXPIRED.

9

10 **JOHN AARON:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER.

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15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
16 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
18 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND
19 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. REPORT OF
20 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015.

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THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors September 22, 2015,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 28th day of September 2015, for the County records to be used
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